



Intellectual Property

Our Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property Litigation lawyers provide a wide range of services to companies and individuals regarding the acquisition, protection, and transfer of intellectual property, including copyrights, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets. Our Intellectual Property practice lawyers offer two kinds of services.

First, we help clients address all the commercial aspects of intellectual property. We protect the intellectual property through contracts and by registering copyrights and trademarks. We also facilitate its acquisition or transfer using various legal structures, such as development agreements, original equipment manufacturing agreements, and cross licenses, or as part of a transfer of rights in a business acquisition, joint venture, or merger. (Although we do not prepare or prosecute patent applications, we work closely with specialists who perform this work to assure that our clients' needs are satisfied and that the ownership and transfer of the patented technology is handled in a manner that meets our clients' needs.)

Second, our lawyers arbitrate, mediate, litigate, and resolve intellectual property disputes in Federal and State courts, both at trial and on appeal. We handle claims of copyright, patent, and trademark infringement and theft of trade secrets, including related claims of unfair competition and employee misappropriation of intellectual property. We also use alternative dispute resolution procedures to resolve intellectual property disputes, such as mini-trials before senior executives and negotiations of complex ownership disputes.

Our Intellectual Property practice area attorneys are also experienced in antitrust, employment law, international law, and other areas of law related to intellectual property. Our ability to address and resolve IP problems across diverse practice areas helps us to provide clients with efficient and effective advice and strategies.

Tom Klitgaard is a member of the Intellectual Property Section of the American Bar Association, the Intellectual Property Section of the California Bar Association, and the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA). Tom Klitgaard is the current Chair of the Advisory Committee of the Institute for Law and Technology at the Center for American and International Law in Plano, Texas, which provides continuing education programs to the bar in the areas of patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret law and the resolution of intellectual property disputes domestically and internationally.

Our Intellectual Property practice lawyers also have experience in international intellectual property disputes and transactions.

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