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Trial and patent attorney with nearly 30 years of experience in patent and trademark litigation and prosecution.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

(formerly Cushman Darby & Cushman)

Trial and Patent Attorney

McLean, VA / Washington, DC

August 1992 to Present

- Counseling clients on patent and trademark litigation, portfolio, and licensing strategies.
- Lead counsel in over 125 case in U.S. federal district courts and the U.S. International Trade Commission ("ITC") with allegations and verdicts involving hundreds of millions of dollars.
- Prosecution of post grant proceedings and various patent and trademark applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office including with the Patent Trial and Appeals Board ("PTAB") and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board ("TTAB").
- Editor of the [PTAB Handbook](#), currently the 6th Edition and published annually.
- Co-Editor of Patent Litigation Strategies Handbook, 4th Edition, published by Bloomberg BNA.

Department of Justice, Antitrust Division / Litigation I Section

Summer Honors Program

Law Clerk

Washington, DC

June 1991 – August 1991

Bloom & Kreten, Intellectual Property Law Firm

Law Clerk

Towson, MD

September 1989 – May 1992

Venable Professor of Law Robert H. Lande, University of Baltimore School of Law

Research Assistant

Baltimore, MD

May 1991 – May 1992

- Researched various antitrust topics including umbrella effects and attorneys' fees.
- Assisted in the writing of ABA lectures and law review articles on antitrust issues.

The Honorable John Grason Turnbull II, Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Summer Intern

Towson, MD

June 1990 – September 1989

Advanced Technology and Research Corp.

Research Engineer and Director of Marketing

Laurel, MD

February 1986 – July 1989

National Bureau of Standards, U.S. Research Laboratory

Research Assistant (Automated Manufacturing Research Facility)

Gaithersburg, MD

May 1985 – January 1986

University of Maryland Robotics Laboratory – Professor Jackson Yang

Research Assistant

College Park, MD

June 1983 – December 1985

- Researched and developed parallel gripping end effector for the U.S. Postal Service.
- Designed and built a device for static measurement of robotic arm's accuracy.

EDUCATION

- LL.M. - The George Washington University Law School - 1996
- J.D./M.B.A. - University of Baltimore – 1992
- B.S. - Physical Sciences, University of Maryland at College Park – 1986

ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Courts (Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, E.D. of Michigan, and E.D. of Texas)

U.S. Courts of Appeals (Federal Circuit, Fourth Circuit, and DC Circuit)

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office – Reg. No. 38,821

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Achieved a win for a state university, adding a professor and lab assistant as co-inventors on NIH's Velcade® patents, a cancer drug with annual worldwide sales exceeding \$2 billion.
- Defended a Swedish company in a three-week jury trial win against \$200+ million patent infringement and related allegations. The Federal Circuit affirmed. Client was awarded \$1.2 million in attorneys' fees and costs.
- Won a three-week jury trial for patentholder in E.D. Virginia after patentholder was sued for patent infringement in the District of D.C. by same opposing party; won the District of D.C. case with summary judgment of no infringement. This was bet-the-company litigation.
- Secured Federal Circuit win, reversing district court's summary judgment finding of non-infringement on five patents owned and asserted by a very small company.
- Won a preliminary injunction denial for a small cryptocurrency client offering Alibabacoins against Alibaba in a trademark case.
- Represented inventor (a university professor) of the Taxol® formulation process and separately a co-inventor (post-doc researcher) of a follow-on drug to Allegra® (fexofenadine).
- Was called in to take over a Federal Circuit appeal on patent infringement and invalidity and separately to help try a case at the ITC.
- Was called in to try a Florida state court trade secrets case a few weeks before trial; case settled.
- Represented defendant pro bono in first-degree murder trial on Maryland's Eastern Shore.
- Won dismissal of all declaratory judgment claims against Australian manufacturing client at start of a case, providing them with opportunity to file as plaintiff elsewhere.
- Convinced the ITC to dismiss client from an ITC 337 action with motions practice before client answered complaint.
- Obtained favorable jury verdict in a five-week patent infringement trial between a tier one OEM auto parts supplier and a competitor.
- Obtained settlement for an accused infringer before even filing a response brief in a preliminary injunction trademark case.
- Settled a complicated inventorship and contract case involving an inventor, pharmaceutical drug research company, and major university shortly after taking over case.
- In an anti-dumping case, successfully defended a foreign manufacturer of television components by getting the allegation dismissed during the preliminary review by the ITC Commissioners.
- Represented large retail companies in various litigations and PTO proceedings involving trademarks.
- Filed numerous amicus briefs at the Federal Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of such parties as Intel, Microsoft, Cisco, and Medtronic as well as the Federal Circuit Bar Association.

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Bar Association of D.C. (1993 – present) (President of Association (2005-2006) and of related Foundation (2007–2009))
- American Bar Association (1989 - present) (served as member of the ABA's House of Delegates, and chaired various bar committees)
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (1990 - present)
- Maryland State Bar Association (1992 - present)
- Federal Circuit Bar Association (2005 – present)
- Giles S. Rich Inns of Court
- Member of firm's Managing Board for many years as well as having held many other positions over the years, such as Co-leader of firm's IP Section and Office Managing Partner.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Recognized by *Chambers USA*, Intellectual Property (2007 – 2020)
- *Best Lawyers*, Intellectual Property, Litigation – Patent, Patent Law (2010 – 2021)
- *Managing Intellectual Property's* "IP Stars" (2020)
- *IAM Magazine's* "IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners" (2016-2020)
- LexisNexis, AV Preeminent Rated Lawyer (2003 – 2021).