

Patents

Known as "the first and last word in patent litigation" (*IAM Patent 1000, 2015*), there is little our courtroom lawyers across the Americas, Europe, and Asia haven't seen.

From U.S. patent reform to the European Unified Patent Court. The world is changing. Whether it's patent expiry or patent trolls that are causing concern, our team of litigators will vigorously defend your position.

We don't only defend, we help you create and grow. With a team of patent prosecution and licensing professionals, we are with you from initial idea to global roll out. Whether you operate in a traditional industry such as life sciences, telecommunications, automotive, or energy, or are part of a new generation operating at the intersection of these industries, we are the team for you.

Representative experience

Representing leading technology giants in their local and multijurisdictional patent disputes, including Dell, Google, HTC, KPN, Motorola, Oracle, and ZTE.

Acting for Lilly in the landmark patent dispute *Actavis v Eli Lilly*. The UK Supreme Court ruled in favor of Lilly, reversing two earlier decisions. Lilly was also successful in the German Supreme Court.

Key contacts

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Areas of focus

FinTech

IP Rights in Transactions

Licensing and Commercial
Transactions

Post-Grant Proceedings

Strategic Counseling and Portfolio
Development

Advising HTC on the then largest patent litigation before the European courts. Multijurisdictional cases against Nokia and NPEs, and advising on FRAND licensing terms.

Representation of ZTE in the landmark case *Huawei vs. ZTE* before the CJEU (C-170/13) dealing with the antitrust (FRAND) defense regarding standard essential patents (SEP).

Representing MSD in a dispute with Shionogi over patents relating to anti-HIV therapy raltegravir.

Advising a leading Japanese innovator pharmaceutical firm on multiple Hatch-Waxman lawsuits relating to the client's blockbuster product.

Representing Leachman Cattle of Colorado in a challenge to two of its patents. Marking the first PTAB issued post-grant reviews under the AIA.

Representing Daimler / Mercedes Benz in various patent litigation proceedings in the United States and China; and U.S. IPR proceedings.

Global IP counsel to the consortium of Audi AG, BMW Group, and Daimler AG on their €2.8bn acquisitions of Nokia's digital mapping unit, HERE.

Handling patent portfolio for Kodak Alaris' photo kiosk, document scanner, thermal printing, and digital photo frame business, helping Kodak Alaris to mine and defend its portfolio.

Awards and rankings

- IP Law Firm of the Year - Italy, *Legalcommunity IP & TMT Awards*, 2021-2018
- Global IP Firm of the Year, *Managing Intellectual Property Awards*, 2019 & 2018
- Ranked Band 1 for IP on a Global and Europe-wide level, *Chambers & Partners*, 2019
- Germany Patent Contentious Firm of the Year, *Managing Intellectual Property Awards*, 2019 & 2018
- Japan Foreign Firm of the Year, *Managing Intellectual*

Property Awards, 2019 & 2018

- China Foreign Firm of the Year, *Managing Intellectual Property Awards, 2019*
- Russia Patent Contentious Firm of the Year, *Managing Intellectual Property Awards, 2019*
- Germany Patent Litigation Firm of the Year, *IAM Patent Awards, 2019*
- European Patent Contentious Firm of the Year, *Managing Intellectual Property Awards, 2018*
- IP Team of the Year, *The Lawyer Awards, 2018*
- UK Impact Case of the Year, *Managing Intellectual Property Awards, 2018*
- Germany - Patent Law Firm of the Year, *JUVE Awards, 2017*

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The USPTO issues guidance on the billion dollar question: When are AI inventions abstract?

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