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Chris focuses his practice on patent, trademark, trade dress, copyright and trade secret litigation. He is experienced in all aspects of trial preparation, including pretrial investigations, preparing complaints and answers, trial and pre-trial strategy, taking and defending depositions, preparing and responding to written discovery, expert witness preparation, district court motion practice, and trial. He has also handled aspects of appellate practice, including appeals to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Chris has been an integral part of litigation teams that have successfully represented clients in a range of technologies, such as printer hardware and software, video games, telecommunications systems, television information and display systems, digital signal transmission and processing, agricultural chemicals, petrochemicals, contact lenses, healthcare products, automotive components and fiberglass components.

In recent years, his litigation achievements include the following matters:

- Won summary judgment for a Spanish baby care product client facing breach of contract and unfair competition claims in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana;
- Won judgment of copyright infringement, circumvention of technological measures under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, trademark infringement, computer fraud and abuse, and tortious interference with contracts for the developer of a massive multiple online game in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts;
- Won dismissal of a claim for false patent marking for long-time printer hardware and software client in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida;
- Won general exclusion order, as well as cease and desist orders, for long-time printer hardware and software client in one of the largest investigations ever initiated at the U.S. International Trade Commission;
- Won judgment of no patent infringement for the developer of a massive multiple online game in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

Chris is also experienced in evaluating his clients' patent portfolios to find untapped licensing avenues for their patents while helping them avoid unnecessary license fees and litigation for their commercial products.

Chris serves as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center, where he has taught Intellectual Property Litigation: Pretrial Skills and Patent Trial Practice since 2012. He is an author of the "Patent Trial Advocacy Casebook, Third Edition."

Chris earned his B.S. in chemistry from Purdue University in 1994, and his M.S. in chemical engineering from Purdue University in 1996, where his thesis was "Pollution Prevention Options for the Electroplating, Wood and Wood Preserving, Reinforced Fiberglass Composites and Metal Fabrication Industries." He earned his J.D., cum laude, from The University of Minnesota in 1999.

Chris is a member of the Virginia State Bar and District of Columbia Bar.

Education

Purdue University

1994, B.S., Chemistry
1996, M.S., Chemical Engineering

University of Minnesota Law School
1999, J.D.

Admissions

Bar Admissions
1999, Virginia
2001, District of Columbia

Court Admissions
District of Columbia Court of Appeals
Superior Court of the District of Columbia
Supreme Court of Virginia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Practices

Appellate Litigation
Jury Trials
Litigation
Section 337/ITC Litigation

Industries

Chemistry + Chemical Engineering
Electrical + Computer Technologies