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TOP INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWYERS 2025



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Doug Lumish has established himself as a prominent intellectual property attorney despite having no technical background when he began.

"I always wanted to be a trial lawyer and planned to become more of a generalist, but started in IP straight out of law school," he said. "Little did I know that IP was going to be the

best decision I could make, leading to a career of intensely interesting matters for some of the best companies on the planet."

Lumish's recent case record demonstrates his versatility across different intellectual property domains.

He recently secured a victory for Arista in a patent litigation appeal against WSOU, where the Federal Circuit affirmed the Patent Trial and Appeal Board's invalidation of WSOU's patents. He also won a motion to dismiss in Northern California for Hyundai Motor Company against Soelect, defeating a trade secret claim.

His client roster includes major technology companies such as Google, Meta, Orca Security and Balt Therapeutics, handling matters ranging from multi-patent cases to trade secret disputes.

One of Lumish's specialties is stepping in on short notice before trial begins.

"I am often hired on the eve of trial to supplement teams that have been

litigating a matter for years," he said. "This is incredibly challenging because I need to learn the technology, the record, the witnesses and all of the many other moving pieces in order to be ready to open a case with the confidence that the story I am telling will survive the crucible of trial."

Lumish identifies trade secret cases as a growing focus in intellectual property law. He points to the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 as a catalyst for increased litigation in this area, along with the development of expertise among IP lawyers.

"On the patent side, the interplay between PTAB proceedings and district court litigation continues to create interesting issues and challenges, and the change in administrations will likely create some uncertainty and change on that front, especially concerning the PTAB's discretionary denials of petitions when there is co-pending district court litigation," Lumish said.