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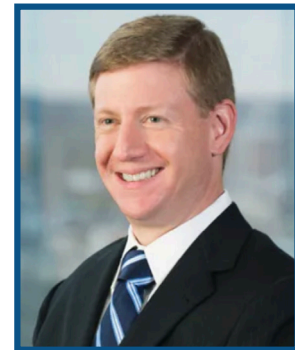
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Years in practice: 24

Best known for: I'm widely recognized as a first chair-trial lawyer representing high-tech companies in complex IP disputes across federal district courts, the International Trade Commission, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and the Federal Circuit. I have secured settlements exceeding \$100 million, ITC exclusion orders, summary judgments, and trial victories for clients across semiconductors, electromechanical devices, medical technologies, and software.



Why I chose my practice area: I've always had a broad interest in science and technology, and enjoyed teaching these subjects. I was fortunate to try IP litigation in the summer after my first year of law school. I quickly learned that pursuing this practice area would allow me to pursue my interests while providing opportunities to convey complex technical concepts to judges and juries.

Most memorable case: Two recent cases stand out. First, representing Netgear in a high-profile ITC case against TP-Link, where we successfully demonstrated patent infringement, leading to a 30%+ surge in Netgear's stock price. Second, achieving a complete victory for Serendia, LLC at the ITC against manufacturers of microneedling devices.

What makes me a leader in my field: My leadership is defined by my strategic approach to litigation and ability to navigate complex IP disputes with precision. I draw on deep technical knowledge spanning diverse industries, focusing on achieving broader IP objectives that protect intellectual assets while supporting long-term business goals beyond immediate litigation outcomes.

Outlook for 2025: Substantial changes are underway in the U.S. Patent Office's approach to inter partes review (IPR) proceedings. I anticipate earlier IPR filings and increased preemptive challenges in advance of litigation.

Bar involvement/leadership roles: I serve as global vice chair of Latham's Intellectual Property Litigation Practice and previously served as founding chair of Directors for Project Citizenship. As a former member of Latham's Pro Bono Committee, I mentored junior lawyers and encouraged pro bono work.