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OVERVIEW

Dispute resolution neutral focused on technology, intellectual property, and complex commercial disputes. Combines a degree in electrical engineering with more than 26 years in the IP litigation practice groups of global law firms. Has advised and advocated for both patent owners and accused infringers. Matters span a wide variety of technology areas, including semiconductor design and manufacturing, computer hardware and software, data encryption and authentication, artificial intelligence, lithium-ion battery development and battery management systems, electric vehicles and aircraft, and medical devices.

AREAS OF SUBSTANTIVE EXPERIENCE / EXPERTISE

Intellectual Property: Patent litigation; trade secret litigation; trademark litigation, clearance, and enforcement; technology licensing; and corporate due diligence.

Commercial Disputes: Breach of contract, technology transfer agreements, joint ventures, and high-stakes commercial transactions.

Technical Arts: Semiconductor design and packaging, semiconductor manufacturing processes and equipment, memory storage, data encryption, message authentication, computer processing and architecture, signal processing, image processing, video processing, networking, lithium-ion battery development, battery energy storage systems, electric vehicles, electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft, artificial intelligence, wireless communication, data compression, medical devices, and consumer products.

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Coté Dispute Resolution **Sep 2026–Present**
Dispute Resolution Neutral

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Irvine, CA **2015–2026**
Of Counsel, Intellectual Property Practice Group

Jones Day, Irvine, CA **2011–2015**
Partner: Intellectual Property Practice Group

Howrey, Los Angeles, CA / Irvine, CA **2000–2011**
Partner: Intellectual Property Practice Group

Summary for Law Firm Positions

Managed the day-to-day procedural and technical strategies for sophisticated clients in high-stakes intellectual property and commercial litigations.

Synthesized, analyzed, assessed, and presented highly technical expert evidence, including trial and hearing testimony, depositions, and reports across complex technical fields.

Argued complex discovery disputes, evidentiary issues, claim construction (*Markman*) disputes, dispositive motions, and appeal.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles **1998–1999**
Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies / Air Force Officer
Taught an upper-division elective course in management and leadership, primarily (though not solely) for students vying for commission as U.S. Air Force officers. Specific duties included curriculum development, lecturing, and student/cadet counseling.

Boeing: Rocketdyne Division, Canoga Park, CA **1995–1998**
Team Leader for Space Shuttle Main Engine Program / Air Force Officer
Managed a team of 23 engineers and quality assurance personnel responsible for ensuring the production of the Space Shuttle's Main Engine within cost, schedule, and performance parameters. Specific duties included managing and reporting on cost, schedule, and performance issues; supervising procurement processes; and streamlining quality control processes.

Los Angeles Air Force Base, El Segundo, CA **1992–1995**
Mission Development Element Project Engineer / Air Force Officer
Organized and managed the U.S. Air Force's efforts to procure ground station systems for a multibillion-dollar communication satellite. Specific duties included developing a Request for Proposal, evaluating and choosing systems, and managing the acquisition process.

EDUCATION & SELECTED TRAINING

Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA
Juris Doctor – May 1999
Selected for the International & Comparative Law Review (writing competition)
Selected for the Scott Moot Court Honors Board (Top 4 oralist)
American Jurisprudence Award for Appellate Advocacy

Clarkson University – Potsdam, NY
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering – May 1992
4-Year Air Force ROTC Academic Scholarship

Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution | Pepperdine Caruso Law – Irvine, CA Campus
Mediating the Litigated Case (40-hour training) – July 2026

IEEE – Five-Course Continuing Technical Education Programs
AI Processor Architecture, Design Principles, and Performance (Credential ID 197614604)
Large Language Models Demystified (Credential ID 197125298)
Battery Energy Storage Technologies and Applications (Credential ID 197966189)

ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

Panel Rosters / Lists: American Arbitration Association (AAA) National Roster of Arbitrators (Large Complex Case, Technology, Commercial, and Expedited panels); World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) List of Mediators

Admissions: California (SBN 204529); Federal Circuit and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals; Central, Southern, Northern, and Eastern Districts of California; Eastern District of Texas

Honors: Best Lawyers in America (2025-Present) for Patent Litigation; Super Lawyers (2012-2018) for IP and Patent Litigation

Organizations: Orange County Bar Association, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Orange County Intellectual Property Law Association, Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers