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Geoff helps clients efficiently resolve complex intellectual property disputes.

Geoff's practice focuses on IP litigation and strategic counseling, with an emphasis on patent matters. For more than 20 years, Geoff has represented innovative companies across a range of industries in trial, appellate, and patent office proceedings. Geoff's cases have involved an array of technologies, including wireless networks, computer hardware and software, recombinant proteins, medical devices, and consumer products from artificial eyelashes to smartphones. He has represented plaintiffs and defendants in venues across the country, including patent litigation hotspots in Texas, Delaware, and California. Geoff works closely with his clients to identify and achieve their strategic objectives in a cost-effective and creative manner.

Select Experience

Geoff's representations include:

- Meta in strategic counseling regarding IP matters
- Verizon in patent infringement actions and IPR proceedings regarding network infrastructure and mobile devices
- Airspan in patent infringement actions and IP counseling regarding wireless network infrastructure
- IntelGenx in a patent infringement action regarding buprenorphine buccal film products

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

Education

- Stanford Law School (J.D., 2003)
 - Managing Editor, *Stanford Technology Law Review*
- University of Victoria (B.A., Psychology, 2000)
 - *with distinction*; Jubilee Medal for Social Sciences
- University of Victoria (B.Mus., Performance, 2000)
 - *with distinction*

Bar Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia
- Washington

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

Professional Affiliations

Firm Leadership

Geoff's previously served as Co-Chair of the Firm's Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Group.

Charitable & Civic Involvement

Geoff's pro bono and community activities include:

- Representing Index Newspapers in petitioning the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington to unseal certain judicial records in electronic surveillance cases
- Representing Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in dependency trial proceedings
- Assisting the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in identifying the legal implications of school disciplinary practices
- Representing individuals seeking asylum in the United States
- Co-teaching the mock trial program for Citizen Schools, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing after-school education for middle-school children
- Developing software for California Rural Legal Assistance to determine the amount of unpaid wages, applicable penalties, and other amounts owed to agricultural workers by their employers

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Intellectual Property: Patent Litigation, Washington, 2024-2026
- *IAM Patent 1000*, "World's Leading Patent Practitioners," 2020-2026
- *Washington Super Lawyers*®, 2025-2026
- *Managing IP*, IP STAR, 2022-2025
- *Managing IP Americas Awards*, Shortlist for Outstanding Litigator: Washington, 2018
- *Washington Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Stars," 2017
- *Northern California Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Stars," 2014-2017

Select Presentations

- "Overview of Patent Litigation," 2019 CASRIP Summer Institute, July 15, 2019
- "Patent Litigation I & II," CASRIP - 2017 Patent and Intellectual Property Law Summer Institute, July 21, 2017
- "Enhanced Damages Post-*Halo*," CLE Presentation, July 2017
- "Intellectual Property 101: An Intro For Entrepreneurs," Catalyst88 MasterMind, June

2, 2017

Insights

January 23, 2019

Victory: Federal Court in Seattle Will Begin Disclosing Surveillance Records

December 16, 2018

Pushback Derails Company That Thrived on Patent Lawsuits

February 5, 2018

Managing IP Americas Awards 2018 Shortlists Announced

November 20, 2017

The Stranger Unsealing

July 7, 2017

Nonpracticing Entity Hit With Attys' Fees In Patent Row

July 7, 2017

Super-litigious patent holder ordered to pay defendant's legal fees