

Patent Litigation

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Almost all companies doing business today use complex, relatively new technologies, hoping these technologies are free from claims of ownership by others. Unfortunately, many Chinese and Taiwanese businesses find themselves the targets of patent litigation. Fighting patent suits can drain a company's resources and cripple its business and, if not handled successfully, can expose them to additional suits and future costs. Many of our clients also develop patent technologies and or otherwise hold patents that provide significant competitive advantages. We have an impressive record of success in enforcement of our clients' patent rights.

Our patent litigation attorneys understand not only patent law, but the science and technology behind the facts and the art of well executed litigation strategies. We are repeatedly recognized as having one of the top patent practices in the country and are frequently profiled by leading publications because of our high profile successes against some of the most persistent opponents.

We litigate patent disputes in district courts around the country, most often in the popular courts for patent litigation such as the Eastern District of Texas, the Northern District of California, and the District of Delaware. Additionally, we represent our clients before the U.S. International Trade Commission. Unlike typical patent litigation, ITC investigations move very quickly, with an initial decision often rendered less than a year from the first notice of the complaint. Experienced ITC counsel must have expertise in the technology at issue, experience navigating the ITC's proceedings, and familiarity with the judges, attorneys, and staff at the ITC. Kilpatrick Townsend excels in all three areas.

With more than 200 patent attorneys registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, many of whom have advanced degrees, and a variety of scientific specialties, and a litigation department of more than 170, we combine the technical know-how of a large patent boutique with the deep bench and resources of a large litigation firm.

We don't just litigate patent matters to win, but collaborate with clients to identify the best strategy for the clients' business and counsel on the propriety of strategies, including injunctive relief, licensing agreements, reexamination and *inter partes* review, and declaratory judgment actions.