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Main Bio

Sean is a seasoned attorney specializing in intellectual property (IP) law, harnessing his background in physics and psychology to offer clients a unique blend of technological acumen and intuitive legal strategy. Sean’s diverse portfolio includes both hard science patents and the softer facets of trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. He consistently shields clients from potential damages that could scale to hundreds of millions of dollars.

Practice Focus:

Sean is well-versed in representing clients in a range of litigation and dispute resolution forums, including federal and state courts, arbitration tribunals, and before government entities such as the United States International Trade Commission, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. As lead counsel, he has successfully defended clients against multi-million-dollar copyright and trademark infringement claims. Moreover, Sean is skilled at representing IP owners in patent and trade secret disputes, particularly related to employee migration.

Technological Expertise:

Leveraging his physics background, Sean bridges the gap between complex legal challenges and cutting-edge technologies. He has hands-on experience in reading and interpreting code across multiple languages—including C, C++, VHDL, and Java—as it pertains to real-world products. His litigation experience further encompasses analyzing code for state-of-the-art AI models, standard essential telecommunication systems, and advanced microprocessors.

Strategic Consultation:

Beyond his prowess in litigation, Sean advises clients on the strategic application and protection of their intellectual property. His guidance, enriched by his extensive litigation background, provides a comprehensive view on IP strategy, making him a preferred consultant for many clients. Additionally, Sean extends

Related Practices

Intellectual Property

Litigation

Privacy

Related Industries

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

e-Commerce

Semiconductor

Education

- University of Washington School of Law, 2011, Juris Doctor
- Peking University, School of Transnational Law, Master of Law in Intellectual Property Law
- Peking University, Bachelor of Science in Physics (major) and Psychology (minor)

Credentials

- California
- Washington
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US)

Memberships

- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property

his legal expertise to high-tech companies, assisting them in navigating complex technology transactions, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, and privacy issues. Sean is a Certified Information Privacy Professional for the United States (CIPP/US).

Languages

- Mandarin

Notable Cases Prior To Joining Benesch:

Sean was also part of legal teams that had the privilege of contributing to several high-profile cases before he joined Benesch, including:

District Court Cases:

Conversant Wireless Licensing S.A.R.L., v. Apple Inc., 5-15-cv-05008 (NDCA), 3-15-cv-05007 (NDCA)

Core Wireless Licensing S.A.R.L., v. LG Electronics, Inc. et al., 2-14-cv-00911 (EDTX); 2-14-cv-00912 (EDTX)

Pegasus Development, et. al. v. DirecTV, LLC., et al., 1-00-cv-01020 (DDE)

Harper Engineering Company v. Airbus Americas, Inc. et al., 1-20-cv-00510 (SDAL)

PACT XPP Schweiz AG v. Intel Corporation, 1-19-cv-01006 (DDE)

Waymo LLC v. Uber Technologies, Inc. et al, 3-17-cv-00939 (NDCA)

Alacritech Inc. v. CenturyLink, Inc., 2-16-cv-00693 (EDTX)

Complete Genomics, Inc. v. Illumina, Inc., 1-19-cv-00970 (DDE)

ITC Cases:

In re Mobile Electronic Devices and Radio Frequency and Processing Components Thereof, Inv. No. 337-TA-1065 (representing **Qualcomm** in a patent dispute with Apple) (ITC)

In re Integrated Circuits and Products Containing Same, Inv. No. 337-TA-1272 (representing **MediaTek** in a patent dispute with NXP) (ITC)

Inter Partes Review Cases:

Intel Corporation et al v. Alacritech Inc., IPR2018-00234; IPR2018-00226; IPR2017-01391; IPR2017-01392; IPR2017-01393; IPR2017-01405; IPR2017-01406; IPR2017-01409; IPR2017-01410 (PTAB)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd. v. Arbor Global Strategies LLC; IPR2021-00736; IPR2021-00735; IPR2021-00737; IPR2021-00738; IPR2021-00391; IPR2021-00393; IPR2021-00394 (PTAB)

Intel Corporation v. PACT XPP Schweiz AG, IPR2020-00518; IPR2020-00525; IPR2020-00528; IPR2020-00531; IPR2020-00532; IPR2020-00533; IPR2020-00535; IPR2020-00537; IPR2020-00539; IPR2020-00540; IPR2020-00541; IPR2020-00542 (PTAB)

Articles and Presentations

- AI Reporter - June 2024, June 21, 2024
- The Potential Applicability of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act in Search Engines in the AI Age, June 14, 2024
- AI Reporter - May 2024, May 15, 2024
- Rethinking Copyright Law: The Case for Protecting AI-Generated Content and Rewarding Those Who Truly Know What They Want, May 14, 2024
- Sean Li published article in Law360 | “AI Takes Transformers Beyond Robots in Disguise”, January 30, 2024

News

- Sean Li mentioned in Law360 | “Benesch Adds Ex-Quinn Emanuel IP Pro In San Francisco”, September 2, 2022
- Benesch Adds Intellectual Property/3iP Partner in San Francisco, August 31, 2022