
WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Nationality: American

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

J.D., (*cum laude*), University of Minnesota Law School, 1991;
B.Sc., University of Wisconsin, 1988.

Admitted:

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit;
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit;
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit;
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit;
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit;
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado;
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota;
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York;
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

LANGUAGES

English
Working knowledge of Spanish

PRESENT POSITION

National Practice Chair, Intellectual Property & Technology Litigation Group at Thompson Hine LLC

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner and Shareholder, Thompson Hine LLC March 2025 –present;
Partner and Shareholder, Robins Kaplan 2007 – 2025;
Partner and Counsel, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. 2001 –2007;
Shareholder and Associate; Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren P.A. 1993 – 2001;
Adjunct Instructor, University of Minnesota Law School 1992 – 1993;
Judicial Clerk for the Honorable Doris Huspeni, Minnesota Court of Appeals 1991 –1993.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual Property:
-Trademark litigation;
-Patent litigation;
-Domain name disputes;
-Internet law;
-Computer and information technology disputes;
-Copyright litigation;
-Licensing.

Competition Law;
Confidentiality and trade secret protection and litigation;
False and Misleading Advertising;
Trade Libel and Defamation.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow;
American Arbitration Association (AAA), Commercial Disputes Panel of Arbitrators;
China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), Commercial Disputes Panel of Arbitrators;
International Centre For Dispute Resolution (ICDR), Commercial Disputes Panel of Arbitrators;
Licensing Executives Society (LES) Standards Development Organization; Consensus Standards Partnership, Former Member;
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Domain Name Panel;
American Intellectual Property Law Association;
Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association;
Federal Circuit Bar Association;
Federal Bar Association;
Admitted to the state bars of New York and Minnesota.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

For more than thirty years, has practiced as an attorney representing clients in the litigation and arbitration of intellectual property and technology disputes. Represents clients in a wide range of disputes including trademark infringement and dilution, patent infringement, copyright infringement, trade secret misappropriation, false and misleading advertising, unfair competition, computer and information technology disputes, and licensing disputes. Has represented clients in a wide range of industries including food and beverage, media, paints and industrial coatings, telecommunications services and equipment, computer and networking infrastructure, wireless communications and control, technology-driven manufacturing, and software as a service application.

Has more than twenty years' experience as an arbitrator and mediator.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Represents clients based both in the United States and other countries in domain name disputes under the Uniform Domain Name Resolution Policy, and in court litigation in federal district courts of the United States. Has also served as an arbitrator on WIPO UDRP disputes for more than twenty years.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

A highly experienced first chair trial lawyer. A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the Minnesota Bar Association.

Has represented clients in more than one hundred court cases involving intellectual property and commercial disputes. These cases have involved a wide variety of intellectual property and technology issues, including trademark infringement and dilution, patent infringement, copyright infringement, trade secret misappropriation, false and misleading advertising, unfair competition, computer and information technology disputes, and licensing disputes. Prior to beginning his private practice of law, he served as a judicial clerk for the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Has represented clients in numerous mediations throughout the U.S.A.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

Has received extensive training in arbitration through AAA and ICDR. Represented clients in numerous arbitrations under arbitral rules promulgated by WIPO, AAA, ICDR, and LCIA.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Experience includes arbitrations conducted pursuant to the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy and related rules; the rules of the American Arbitration Association and ICDR; the London Court of International Arbitration; state and federal court alternative dispute resolution programs; the American Institute of Architects; and private negotiated contracts.
