



San Diego IP Law Group LLP



Protecting and Monetizing Innovation

Protecting and Defending Your Ideas and Business

Who We Are

We are experienced IP trial attorneys with more than seventy-five years of combined experience at major international law firms. Our clients include both plaintiffs and defendants practicing a wide variety of technologies. With our in-house technical expertise and industry knowledge, we are able to provide efficient, strategic and practical advice. Several of our professionals have advanced technical degrees in physics, electrical engineering, computer science, biomedical science. We offer sophisticated talent and expertise with individual specialization, flexibility, dedication, and service. Customized engagement arrangements are available in appropriate cases.

We have a proven track record in courts around the country, including “plaintiff-friendly” venues such as the Eastern District of Texas and the Eastern District of Virginia. We have succeeded on both sides

of venue transfer battles, helping our clients enforce and defend their rights in a fair forum. Our team is also experienced with administrative actions, including Section 337 investigations before the U.S. International Trade Commission, and proceedings before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

San Diego IP Law Group is committed to providing clients with a rare combination of legal and technical expertise, business insight, and exceptional value. We measure our success by the results obtained for our clients.



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“They provide a high level of personal service. They are cost effective and disciplined. I’d use them every time. They are strong in patents and strong in litigation.”

Neil Senturia, CEO, Quanlight

Intellectual Curiosity Is Just One of Our Traits

What We Do

We offer clients a unique triple threat: mastery of intellectual property law and technical expertise, a proven track record of success, and trial experience to go the distance.

Patent Enforcement

We have won numerous lawsuits worth more than \$300 million for our clients and have obtained dozens of outstanding settlements for our clients at efficient billing rates our major competitors cannot match. We are not afraid to go to trial and frequently represent patent owners with excellent results.

Patent Procurement

Our full-service patent practice focuses on patent application preparation and prosecution, reexamination, and strategic claiming methodologies. We work with clients to create a diversified portfolio that provides different levels of protection, which are continually reevaluated as business goals evolve. Our clients' patents withstand the scrutiny of litigation. We have obtained hundreds of patents, both domestic and abroad, for our clients in a wide variety of technologies.

Trademark Counseling and Litigation

Strategic counseling is vital to protecting trademarks on a worldwide basis. We frequently assist clients regarding new trademarks, company names, and slogans. We also have extensive experience in successfully resolving trademark infringement and related claims against false advertising.

Business Litigation

We have successfully handled a wide variety of commercial litigation matters involving trade secret misappropriation, computer hacking, breach of contract, false advertising, unfair competition, and other business tort claims.

Creative Rights

San Diego IP Law Group lawyers understand both the law and the business of the creative arts, media, technology, and entertainment industries. We recognize the importance of protecting and supporting the works and business ventures of creative individuals and companies, whether it be an author, entertainer, photographer, publisher, or graphic design firm. Our extensive intellectual experience (copyright, trademark, trade secret, trade dress, and design patent) allows us to provide skilled, confident legal counsel to both artists and creative industry executives, with the goal of turning ideas into reality.

Specialties

Because of our vast technical experience, we assist clients with specialties such as:

- Antennas
- Automotive and Autonomous Vehicles
- Biometrics
- Chemicals
- Climate Change
- Consumer Goods
- Cryptography and Digital Currency
- Data Center
- Digital Signal Processing (DSP)
- Firearms Compliance
- Food and Beverage
- Holograms/Entertainment/Theatrical Production
- Integrated Circuits
- Lighting
- Material Science
- Medical Devices
- Medical Imaging and Research
- Network and Computer Security
- Nutraceuticals and Supplements
- Optics
- Power Generation
- Renewable Energy
- Semiconductor
- Strategic IP Consulting
- Telecommunications
- Wireless Health

*“They understand which patents are most important to our core business.
They understand what we do as a business.”*

Curtis Staker, CEO, Confident Technologies, Inc.

We Define and Defend Your Intellectual Property

Our Team



Trevor Q. Coddington, Ph.D., Esq.
Partner

[Trevor Q. Coddington, Ph.D., Esq.](#), offers a unique blend of hard-nosed litigation and extensive patent prosecution experience. With a Ph.D. in physics and experience as an examiner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Trevor brings a deep understanding of patent protection and monetization strategies to his practice. Trevor is the “go-to” IP counsel for a variety of innovative domestic, European, and Asian companies.

Trevor has extensive experience preparing and prosecuting patent applications before the USPTO and numerous foreign patent offices worldwide in the electrical, software, optical, and mechanical arts, as well as e-commerce.

Trevor received his B.S. Engineering Physics degree from The Ohio State University in 1992. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. (physics) degrees from Old Dominion University in 1994 and 2000, respectively. He received his J.D. degree from George Washington University in 2004. Trevor is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Federal Claims, and recently argued before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.



James V. Fazio, III, Esq.
Partner

[James V. Fazio, III, Esq.](#), focuses on intellectual property and business litigation. He represents public and private companies in a wide variety of disputes, including those involving patent and trademark infringement, theft of trade secrets, fraud, breach of contract, unfair competition, false advertising and various business tort claims. James has more than twenty years of litigation experience and was selected by his peers as one of the top ten intellectual property litigators in San Diego. James is a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of California. While a federal prosecutor, James tried nearly a dozen federal jury cases to verdict and argued numerous appeals before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

James received a B.A. in economics from Colgate University, a Master’s degree in health law from the University of California at San Diego, and his J.D. degree *cum laude* from Syracuse University College of Law, where he was a member and editor of the Syracuse Law Review.

James is active in the San Diego community and has served on the Board of Trustees of several non-profit organizations.



Cody R. LeJeune, Esq.
Of Counsel

[Cody R. LeJeune, Esq.](#), is a registered patent attorney whose practice focuses on intellectual property and business litigation, as well as patent and trademark prosecution. With more than ten years of litigation experience, Cody has secured millions of dollars for his clients in patent and securities fraud litigation cases.

Cody’s litigation practice encompasses an array of technologies, including digital rights management, database warehouse appliances, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, smartphones, security systems, Ethernet technologies, digital cameras and scanners, Internet security, hardware and software. Cody litigates cases in state courts, United States Federal Courts, and the United States International Trade Commission, in addition to appellate proceedings before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC).

Cody received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, with a Chemistry minor, from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana, in 2003 and a J.D. degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 2006. He is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California.

We Are Acutely Focused on Innovation

Our Team



Donny K. Samporna, Esq.
Associate

[Donny K. Samporna, Esq.](#), is a registered patent attorney focusing on patent prosecution and litigation. Donny brings a vast amount of real-world engineering and business experience to strategically plan and secure commercially viable intellectual property rights. Donny earned his J.D. from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, *cum laude*, where he was an Intellectual Property Fellow. While at Thomas Jefferson, Donny was a member of Moot Court Honor Society, the president of the School's Intellectual Property Law Association, and an active member of the Student Bar Association. Donny earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of the Pacific. Donny is licensed to practice in California and before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.



Carol Q. Pham, PhD.
Scientific Advisor

[Carol Q. Pham, Ph.D.](#), focuses on patent prosecution, litigation support, and leads business development of the life sciences practice. She offers licensing insight into biological and chemical arts with university technology transfer experience. Carol has developed a licensing strategy for an aerospace/defense company to enter medical applications, expanded the IP portfolio of a nutraceuticals company, and conducted non-infringement and invalidity analyses for small- to Fortune 500-companies. She leverages problem-solving to navigate uncertainty and to prepare and prosecute U.S. and foreign patent applications. Carol earned a B.A. in neurobiology and a minor in music from the University of California Berkeley and a Ph.D. in biomedical sciences from the University of California Irvine.



Victoria Jones
Paralegal

[Victoria Jones](#) provides prosecution and litigation paralegal support to San Diego IP Law Group attorneys. Victoria earned a B.A. in Sociology from the University of California at Berkeley, and ABA-accredited paralegal certificate from the University of San Diego. She is currently attending law school.



Ginny Guidry
Paralegal

[Ginny Guidry](#) provides paralegal support to San Diego IP Law Group attorneys. Ginny has a B.A. in English from Berea College, a Master's degree in Rhetoric and Writing from San Diego State University and an ABA-accredited paralegal certificate from University of San Diego.



Tom Mullen
Litigation Paralegal

[Tom Mullen](#) has more than twenty-five years experience in complex state and federal litigation matters. He assists San Diego IP Law Group attorneys in intellectual property litigation. Tom has a B.A. in political science from the University of California at Irvine and attended Whitter Law School.



Katie Gildardi Reisner
Litigation Paralegal

[Katie Gildardi Reisner](#) has more than sixteen years of law firm experience in all facets of civil litigation. She provides paralegal and litigation support to San Diego IP Law Group attorneys, including trial preparation. She obtained an ABA-accredited paralegal certificate from the University of San Diego.

Why Choose Our Firm?

Direct Access to a Partner

A partner of the Firm will not only assist you in developing your intellectual property strategy, but will also execute it. The partner will always be up-to-speed on your matter and you can contact any partner directly by mobile phone or e-mail, day or night.

We Are Easy to Work With

Our mastery of intellectual property law and technical expertise allows us to collaborate with innovators. Whether it is talking about the nuts-and-bolts of technology with engineers or presenting an executive IP strategy to the board of directors, we can communicate clearly and effectively with anyone in your organization.

Value Driven

We are entrepreneurs ourselves. We know time is money and we make efficient use of our time. Our team is well-organized and well-prepared. We have low overhead and do not incur unnecessary expenses.

Comprehensive Perspective

All of our attorneys have been involved in an entire life cycle of intellectual property assets. Our expertise in patent office procedure, for example, permits us to identify patent strengths and weaknesses during litigation and licensing due diligence.

“You’ve got a lot of fire power packed in a smaller firm. There is a lot of high-quality talent.”

**Jim Miller, CEO
Imageware Systems, Inc.**

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