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Tom Pardini represents clients in intellectual property litigation and other commercial disputes, with a focus on trade secret and patent infringement matters. He has been a key member of several trial teams and is experienced with all phases of complex litigation. Tom has conducted direct and cross-examinations at trial and arbitration, argued dispositive motions in federal and state court, and taken and defended numerous depositions.

Tom brings a high-level strategic approach to his cases, distilling difficult issues to the most essential points that can win over a judge or jury. He recently drafted the winning summary judgment motion in a patent infringement matter with a large damages figure, securing non-infringement of all the asserted patents. Tom has also successfully defended against several preliminary injunction motions in trade secret disputes. His experience spans a range of technologies, including autonomous vehicle development and LIDAR, mobile apps, semiconductors, and video streaming.

Tom maintains an active pro bono practice with an emphasis on Constitutional law. He has represented a prisoner convicted by a non-unanimous jury in a Sixth Amendment matter, as well as a family bringing suit for an unlawful search under the Fourth Amendment. He assists clients with immigration and asylum proceedings, and managed a team analyzing state-by-state domestic violence laws to create a national database.

Distinctions

- Northern California Rising Stars by *Super Lawyers*, Intellectual Property Litigation (2023)
- *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*, Litigation–Patent (2024)

Memberships and Affiliations

- Member, San Francisco Bay Area Intellectual Property American Inn of Court
- Member, ABA – Intellectual Property Law Trade Secrets and Interference with Contracts Committee
- Member, ABA – Intellectual Property Law Patent Litigation Committee
- Member, ABA – Intellectual Property Law Patent Legislation Committee

Publications

October 25, 2023

AI and Trade Secrets: A Complicated Friendship

Daily Journal

August 7, 2023

What Patent Bills Would Mean for Infringement Litigation

Law360

Services

- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Litigation
- Technology
- Trade Secrets Litigation
- Platforms

Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., 2016)
 - . Dean's Scholar Prize in Constitutional Law: First Amendment
 - . Harvard Sports Law Clinic
 - . Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic
- University of California, Berkeley (B.A., 2012)
 - . High Honors

Bar Admissions

- California

July 20, 2023

Takeaways From the Proposed PREVAIL Act

July 20, 2023

Takeaways From the Proposed Patent Eligibility Restoration Act of 2023

March 1, 2023

Failures Are Valuable IP: Protect Your Startup's Negative Trade Secrets

The Licensing Journal

January 31, 2023

Failures Are Valuable IP: Protect Your Startup's Negative Trade Secrets

TechCrunch+

November 21, 2022

Highlights from 2022 Unified Patents Corporate IP Strategy Conference

October 5, 2022

Protecting "What Not to Do" as a Negative Trade Secret

Daily Journal

Outside the Office

When not working on behalf of clients, Tom is probably at a ballgame, snowboarding in Tahoe, or listening to overly detailed history podcasts.