



Winston Liaw

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Winston Liaw represents technology companies in patent infringement litigation and other intellectual property matters. His clients have included cloud services, semiconductor, multimedia, telecommunications, cybersecurity, and web technology companies, among others. Winston has advised and represented clients in nearly all aspects of patent litigation and mediation, including claim construction, expert discovery, and infringement and validity analyses, and has counseled clients on patent acquisition and portfolio development.

Recent experience includes:

- Defending patent infringement lawsuits related to cloud services, web technologies, and DDR memory in the Western District of Texas.
- Defending patent infringement lawsuits related to semiconductor manufacturing, telecommunications infrastructure, and cloud services in the Northern District of California.
- Defending patent infringement suits related to multimedia software and cloud services in the District of Delaware.
- Representing a flexible hose designer and manufacturer in asserting its trade secrets and patents in the District of Delaware.
- Representing a telecommunications company in asserting its patents related to networking technology in the Northern District of Texas.
- Representing a multimedia company in asserting its patents related to multimedia recording and playback in the Eastern District of Texas.

Winston brings a passion for, and deep understanding of, technology to his legal practice. Prior to his legal career, he earned a degree in electrical engineering and computer science and served five years at Microsoft Corporation as a software development engineer and program manager.

Distinctions

- *Daily Journal*, Top Intellectual Property Lawyers (2025)
- *Chambers USA*, California: Intellectual Property - Patent Litigation (2023-2025)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Litigation - Patent, Litigation - Intellectual Property (2023-2025)
- *Managing Intellectual Property* IP STARS- Notable Practitioner (2022-2025); Rising Star (2019)

Memberships and Affiliations

- 2024 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Fellow
- 2020 Class of Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Pathfinders
- President, Vietnamese American Bar Association of Northern California (2019-2020)
- Vice-President, Vietnamese American Bar Association of Northern California (2018-2019)

Services

- Intellectual Property
- Patent Litigation
- Patent Office Litigation
- Technology

Education

- University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 2010)
 - with honors, Vice President, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- University of California, Berkeley (B.S., 2002)
 - Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Vice President, Chinese Student Association
 - Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Bar Admissions

- California
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Experience

ISIX LLP v. Boomi LP & Dell Inc.

Defended Boomi and Dell in the Western District of Texas on a patent case related to software integration technology.

Profectus Technologies v. Google LLC

Represented Google LLC in its complete defense verdict from a Texas federal jury in the Western District of Texas in a case alleging that Google's Nest Hub and Nest Hub Max devices infringed a patent asserted by Profectus Technologies. The jury found that the asserted claims of the patent were invalid and that Google did not infringe.

Networking and Cybersecurity Solutions Company Patent Infringement Lawsuit

Represented a multinational networking and cybersecurity solutions company in a 6-patent infringement lawsuit in the Western District of Texas and in the related IPR proceedings. The lawsuit accused a broad range of data center-related technology, including routers, switches, firewall devices, and the company's operating system of infringement. The matter resolved with a settlement favorable for our client.

Biotech IP Infringement

Represented a bio-tech company in patent infringement litigation, licensing disputes and IP counseling relating to its pharmaceutical products.

DNA Sequencing IP Dispute

Represented a molecular testing company in connection with patent infringement litigation relating to DNA sequencing testing machine technology in the Northern District of California.

Hall Data v. Dropbox

Defended Dropbox in patent proceedings related to database synchronization technologies initially filed in the Eastern District of Texas. After successfully obtaining transfer of the action from the Eastern District of Texas to the Northern District of California, we obtained a dismissal with prejudice on behalf of our client following a court-ordered settlement conference.

Cioffi, et al. v. Google Inc

Defended Google in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas in a four-patent case relating to multi-process web browsers. The case is currently pending a post-trial invalidity decision based whether the reissue patents improperly recaptured disclaimed subject matter under 35 USC section 251.

Publications

May 22, 2025

Federal Circuit Scales Back IPR Estoppel in Ingenico, Resolving District Court Split

6/25/2018

Supreme Court Allows Recovery of Foreign Lost Profits For Shipping Components of a Patented Invention Overseas

4/27/2018

Supreme Court Tells the Patent Office That IPR Proceedings Are “All-or-Nothing” Affairs

4/25/2018

Supreme Court Upholds Constitutionality of Inter Partes Review of Issued Patents

12/28/2016

IP Law December Developments: What to Expect in the Future