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Tom Friel has over 25 years of experience as a trial lawyer specializing in intellectual property matters, in particular patent and licensing litigation, trademark and copyright litigation, and other complex cases. He has tried many cases in courts across the United States and in the ITC, representing companies from all over the world. His practice has focused on a range of industries, including technology, software, electronic gaming, semiconductor design and manufacturing, industrial equipment, automotive, and life sciences. He has represented clients of all sizes in federal and state court litigations, judicial and private arbitrations, and International Trade Commission (ITC) investigations.

Tom has extensive experience with copyright matters in the technology industry involving databases, software, and other works. He also has experience with trademark and trade dress matters like invalidating the “386” trademark for microprocessors. He is experienced representing clients in indemnity issues and insurance issues.

Tom speaks frequently on patent issues. He is on the Advisory Committee for the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology, a research center at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, and has spoken at its events. He has served on the faculty of the Advanced Patent Law Institute, as well as the annual Rocky Mountain Intellectual Property & Technology Institute. He has been ranked *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500*, *Managing Intellectual Property* since 2008, is named an IP Star by *Managing Intellectual Property*, has been recognized for many years in editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*, and is named among the “Top 75 Intellectual Property Litigators in California” by the *Daily Journal*. He has been recognized as a leading lawyer in his practice areas by *IAM Patent 1000*, *Super Lawyers*, and *Euro Money*.

Prior to joining King & Spalding, Tom was a partner at Cooley LLP where he was a partner and former chair of the intellectual property litigation practice.

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Michigan, cum laude

B.G.S., University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, magna cum laude

ADMISSIONS

California

ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association

Santa Clara County Bar Association

International Trade Commission Trial Lawyers Association

The Bar Association of San Francisco

Recognition

Listed, Top 75 Intellectual Property Litigators in California

DAILY JOURNAL

Recognized, IP Star

MANAGING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Listed, Patent Litigation

LEGAL 500

Listed, IP Litigation

CHAMBERS USA

Recognized, Leading Patent Lawyer

IAM PATENT 1000

Listed, Patent Litigation

BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA

Recognized, Northern California Super Lawyer

SUPER LAWYERS

Listed, Guide to Leading U.S. Lawyers: Intellectual Property

EUROMONEY

Listed, Guide to Leading U.S. Patent Law Experts

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Insights

CLIENT ALERT

January 25, 2019

News

RECOGNITION

August 21, 2020

The Best Lawyers in America Recognizes 128 King & Spalding Lawyers in its 2021 Guide

June 17, 2020

King & Spalding IP Practices and Individuals Recognized in the IAM Patent 1000 Guide

June 1, 2020

Managing IP Again Names Lori Gordon and Kathleen McCarthy to Top 250 Women in IP List; Recommends Multiple King & Spalding IP Practices, Individuals in its Annual Guide

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