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I focus my practice in the areas of intellectual property litigation and complex commercial litigation. My experience includes a wide range of litigation services in state and federal court, including pre-filing investigations, discovery, motion practice, technical and damages expert work, patent invalidity and infringement analysis, claim construction hearings, mediation, and jury trials. I have drafted and argued dispositive motions, taken and defended depositions of fact and expert witnesses, and negotiated favorable settlements for clients. Prior to joining Chapman Spingola, I was an associate for a nationally-recognized boutique litigation firm specializing in first-party and third-party insurance disputes. In every case, I focus on the client’s unique needs and interests, and I strive to identify the most efficient and effective path to accomplish the client’s goals.

Representative Matters

- Represented global automotive supplier in a patent infringement lawsuit in Michigan federal court involving over a dozen patents and hundreds of asserted claims. Assisted with non-infringement analyses, invalidity analyses, and extensive preparations for two-day *Markman* claim construction hearing.
- Represented privately-held human resource services company in a wage-and-hour class action dispute in Illinois state court. Drafted opposition brief to motion to certify class.
- Represented private equity firm in a multi-million dollar breach of contract dispute in Georgia state court involving multiline insurance policy with dozens of insurance carriers. Defeated the defendants’ motion for judgment on the pleadings. Briefed plaintiff’s motion for summary judgment on complex issues involving foreclosure and insurable interest in distressed assets.

- Represented condominium association in suit for breach of contract and bad faith against its insurer in Colorado federal court. Briefed successful oppositions to defendant's motion to dismiss, *Daubert* motion, and motion for summary judgment. Obtained confidential favorable settlement for client two days before trial was scheduled to begin.
- Represented general contractor in multiple lawsuits against the nation's largest insurance carriers. Defeated multiple hotly-contested motions to dismiss in Nebraska state and federal court which included issues of first impression involving the assignability of contractual and tort claims under Nebraska law.
- Represented non-profit sports league in Colorado state court in a breach of contract dispute with its insurer. Developed a mediation strategy that obtained confidential favorable settlement for client within weeks of taking the case, without taking any discovery or filing any motions.

Education

J.D., Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall) of the University of California

- Fellow, Berkeley Technology & Law Center
- Prosser Award for Silicon Valley Antitrust, which focused on the intersection of intellectual property and antitrust
- Author of *Graduated Response Systems and the Market for Copyrighted Works*, published by Berkeley Technology and Law Journal, Annual Review 2012; subsequently reprinted by Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- Research Assistant for Professor Peter S. Menell, co-author of leading treatises and textbooks on intellectual property law
- Teaching Assistant for Legal Research & Writing and Written & Oral Advocacy Courses
- Intern for Federal Trade Commission