Kramer spent much of 2012 leading Wilson Sonsini Go-odrich & Rosati’s teams representing Google on several matters, including a battle with the U.S. government regard-ing the company’s placement of cookies on Apple’s Safari Web browser, which the Federal Trade Commission alleged was a violation of a prior consent decree.

In that case, Kramer not only secured a settlement in which Google denied liability, but also withstood a chal-lenge to the settlement. Consumer Watchdog filed multiple briefs arguing the agreement was inadequate and that Google should be forced to admit liability. Over Consumer Watchdog’s objections, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston of San Francisco Nov. 16 approved the settlement as serving the public interest. *U.S. v. Google Inc.*, 12-04177 (N.D. Cal., filed August 8, 2012).

Kramer is also leading the related effort to address more than 20 federal class actions regarding the matter, which were consolidated into a single litigation in Delaware by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. Google has filed a motion to dismiss.

“I’ve been working with Google since 1999 in one way or another and have had the privilege of representing an extraordinarily in-novative and principled company,” Kramer said.

He said the firm represented Google since the day the influential tech company was born. At the time, he represented “a series of search en-gines” including Netscape and Lookout, among others.

“When a search company called, it was routed for me,” Kramer said.

One day that company happened to be Google, Kramer said. “Who knows where I’d be” if that hadn’t occurred, he said.

Kramer said he was fortunate to move from New York to the West Coast “just in advance of the dawn of the Internet age.”

He said his practice allows him to work on “some of the most cutting edge and interesting questions that a lawyer could hope to litigate in a career, and I’ve had a dozen, not one.”

— Joshua Sebold