

David S. Steuer

PARTNER EMERITUS

Litigation



FOCUS AREAS

Arbitration
Commercial Litigation
Consumer Litigation
Corporate Governance
Litigation
Litigation
Patent Litigation
Securities Litigation
Trade Secret Litigation
Trial

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Prominent Technology and Life Sciences Clients**
David has represented numerous well-known technology and life sciences companies in securities, IP, and commercial litigation, including Amkor Technology, Hewlett-Packard, InterDigital, Mylan, NeoPharm, and Broadcom.
- **International Experience**
David frequently represented foreign-based clients, including Chinese firms such as Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp., and has handled several international arbitrations.
- **A Recognized Practitioner**
David has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, and Securities Litigation.

EXPERIENCE

David Steuer was a civil litigator and trial lawyer at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, with an emphasis on securities litigation, intellectual property matters, general commercial disputes, and employee/trade secrets issues. He has been recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* in the practice areas of Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Intellectual Property, and Litigation-Securities.

David has represented a host of well-known technology and life sciences companies, as well as many individual defendants. He has particular experience in the semiconductor, gaming, computer hardware and software, and telecommunications fields. He also frequently represented foreign-based clients, including Chinese firms. His practice has included securities class action defense, corporate control litigation, patent infringement claims, generics ANDA litigation, trade secret claims, and complex commercial lawsuits. David has tried cases in both the federal and state courts of California; the federal courts of Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia; and the International Trade Commission. He has also represented clients in many arbitrations, both domestic and international. Additionally, David frequently practiced before the Securities Exchange Commission and other state and federal agencies. In one trial, in which David obtained a defense verdict on a \$100 million corporate opportunity claim, the trial judge remarked on the record, "Mr. Steuer, I thought your handling of the trial, your mastery of the documents, your questioning of the witnesses was as superb as I've seen."

In 1986, David became an associate at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, and was elected a partner of the firm in 1989. From 1982 to 1983, David clerked for the Honorable Herbert Y.C. Choy of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Following his clerkship, he worked as an associate with Arnold & Porter in Washington, D.C.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School, 1982
Cum Laude; Editor, Volumes 94 and 95 of the Harvard Law Review
- B.A., History, Stanford University, 1979
With Distinction and Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

Associations and Memberships

- Member, Board of Directors, Bay Area Legal Aid
- Member, Board of Directors, Association of Business Trial Lawyers, Northern California Chapter
- Member, Lawyers Committee, National Center for State Courts
- Judicial Arbitrator, Santa Clara County Superior Court

Honors

- Selected for inclusion in the 2006-2018 editions of *Best Lawyers in America*
- Honored as the 2016 Securities Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" for San Jose by *Best Lawyers*
- Named in the 2004-2020 editions of *Northern California Super Lawyers*
- AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

CLIENTS

Select Clients

As a securities litigator, David has represented such clients as:

- Amkor Technology
- Anchor Gaming (*class action dismissed on motion*)
- Applied Biosystems/Perkin-Elmer
- Cirrus Logic
- Dell Computer
- GST Telecommunications (*class action dismissed on motion*)
- Hewlett-Packard (*class action dismissed*)
- International Game Technology
- MIPS Computer (Silicon Graphics)
- NeoPharm
- Sagent Technology
- Symmetricom (*summary judgment affirmed on appeal*)
- Trimble Navigation

His clients in IP litigation have included:

- Broadcom (*trial verdict against Intel in patent lawsuit*)
- InterDigital Communications
- Mylan, Inc. (*in one matter, an ANDA trial, prevailed against all four "Orange Book" patents listed for dermatologic drug*)
- Research Affiliates
- Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp. (*very large trade secrets trial against Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg. Co.; settled during trial; SMIC stock price tripled upon settlement*)

His commercial litigation clients have included:

- Amkor Technology (*five cases claiming damages from worldwide semiconductor chip failures; defense jury verdict in the one case to proceed to trial*)
- GST Telecommunications (*theft of Mexican telecommunications corporate opportunity*)
- Hasbro (*dispute over worldwide rights to use of "SCRABBLE" on the Internet*)
- NeoPharm Inc. (*arbitration against Pharmacia concerning the latter's failure to develop two licensed oncology compounds*)
- Trimble Navigation (*defense jury verdict in stock option case*)

INSIGHTS

Select Speaking Engagements

- Speaker on litigation topics at forums such as the Practising Law Institute, the ABA National Institute, the National Investor Relations Institute, the International Bar Association, and the ABA Section of International Law