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FOCUS AREAS

Artificial Intelligence and
Machine Learning

Data, Privacy, and
Cybersecurity

Digital Media and
Entertainment

Internet Strategy and
Litigation

Litigation

Trademark and Copyright
Litigation

EXPERIENCE

Qifan Huang is an associate in the Palo Alto office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he focuses on internet strategy and litigation.

Qifan has litigated issues at the frontier of internet law, including generative AI, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), and platform and intermediary liability, among others. He also regularly advises clients on topics such as privacy, web scraping, and music licensing. Recent representative matters include:

- Representing Google in multiple ongoing lawsuits concerning generative AI training and output
- Representing Google against claims attacking Google Play's privacy and digital advertising practices
- Represented Pinterest in multiple litigations concerning the applicability of DMCA safe harbors and the removal of copyright management information (CMI)
- Represented YouTube in a putative class action alleging copyright infringement and improper removal of CMI, defeating class certification, which ultimately resulted in plaintiffs dismissing their claims on the eve of trial
- Represented TikTok in a putative data privacy class action regarding tracking technologies

Qifan also maintains an active pro bono practice. He has represented digital rights groups in cases exploring the intersection of technology and the Constitution, and has contributed significant time to local public interest organizations.

During law school, Qifan served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Richard J. Sullivan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Honorable John G. Koeltl of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. He was also the co-president of the Columbia Society for Law, Science and Technology and a legal intern for the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

Qifan is fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Columbia Law School, 2021
James Kent Scholar; Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar; Articles Editor, Columbia Journal of Transnational Law
- M.A., Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, 2017
Phi Beta Kappa; Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court
- B.A., English and International Studies, China Foreign Affairs University, 2015

Admissions

- State Bar of California

- Bar of the District of Columbia