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### FOCUS AREAS

Artificial Intelligence and  
Machine Learning  
Commercial Litigation  
Digital Media and  
Entertainment  
Financial Services  
Litigation  
Patent Litigation

### EXPERIENCE

Eric Tuttle is a seasoned litigator with broad experience tackling the most difficult problems clients face. He is a graduate of Caltech with a background in machine learning who combines deep technical expertise with sophisticated legal acumen. He specializes in untangling complex factual and legal issues to get the best results for clients, who have ranged across many industries including the technology, entertainment, financial, and arts sectors. He has secured wins for Google in patent litigation, a major financial institution in litigation over investments in mortgage-backed securities, and the Norton Simon Museum in litigation over two panel paintings by Lucas Cranach the Elder—the last of which resulted in a California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year award.

Eric has tried a diverse range of cases to verdict. His industry and technical subject matter experience informs his ability to build trust and foster highly productive collaborations within a client's key functions, from scientists, engineers, and product developers to senior executives and board members. Clients value his ability to explain complicated issues to juries and judges, a skill honed through his unique credentials and years of experience working with cutting-edge technologies.

Prior to joining Wilson Sonsini, Eric was a litigation partner in the Los Angeles office of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP.

After earning his degree at Stanford Law School, Eric clerked for the Honorable Pamela Ann Rymer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

### CREDENTIALS

#### Education

- J.D., Stanford Law School, 2006  
*With Distinction, Order of the Coif*
- Graduate Studies, Computational Neuroscience (Machine Learning), University College London, 2003  
*Marshall Scholar*
- B.S., Applied Physics, California Institute of Technology, 2001  
*With Honors*

#### Honors

- Named a 2023 "California Lawyer Attorney of the Year" (CLAY) by the *Daily Journal* for representing Vanessa Bryant in a federal civil rights trial against Los Angeles County for its sharing of photos from the scene of the 2020 helicopter crash that killed Kobe and Gianna Bryant
- Named among the *Daily Journal's Top Verdicts of 2022* for victory in a civil rights trial brought by Vanessa Bryant against Los Angeles County
- Recognized in the 2025 and 2026 editions of the *Lawdragon 100 Leading AI & Legal Tech Advisors* guide
- Named among Lawdragon's "500 Leading Litigators in America" in 2023-2026

- Named a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY) by the *Daily Journal* in 2017 for obtaining summary judgment on behalf of the Norton Simon Museum on claims to recover paintings subject to Nazi-coerced sales during World War II

### Admissions

- State Bar of California
- State Bar of Washington

## MATTERS

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### Select Representations

- Secured a victory for Zillow in litigation brought by real estate brokerage Compass accusing Zillow of conspiracy and monopolizing the market for online home search; defeated Compass's preliminary injunction motion after a weeklong hearing, after which Compass dismissed its claims
- Secured a complete jury victory for Inhibrx Biosciences and co-founder Dr. Brendan Eckelman in a high-stakes trade secrets case that Wilson Sonsini took on as lead counsel just six weeks before trial. I-Mab Biopharma alleged our clients misappropriated trade secrets when Dr. Eckelman served as an expert witness in an international arbitration. The jury returned a full defense verdict, finding that I-Mab had not proved any of its information was a protected trade secret or that Inhibrx or Dr. Eckelman misappropriated any of it, and awarding zero of the over \$450 million in damages that I-Mab had sought.
- Secured a complete jury victory for Vanessa Bryant in her nationally covered jury trial on federal civil rights claims against Los Angeles County for sharing photos from the scene of the 2020 helicopter crash that killed her husband, Kobe Bryant, and daughter, Gianna; named among the *Daily Journal's Top Verdicts of 2022*; recognized by the *Daily Journal* in 2023 as a [California Lawyer Attorney of the Year \(CLAY\)](#)
- Obtained summary judgment for Google in a ruling holding that Google did not infringe three software patents\*
- Successfully represented a major financial institution in various matters relating to allegedly improper consumer banking sales practices, in litigation arising from the sale of mortgages, and in litigation alleging mismanagement of a securities lending program\*
- Successfully represented Bank of America in actions relating to the failure of Taylor, Bean & Whitaker, including lawsuits by investors in a \$1.75 billion facility for which Bank of America served as indenture trustee\*
- Successfully represented Warner Bros. in defending and resolving claims asserted by the heirs of J.R.R. Tolkien challenging the participation accounting for the "Lord of the Rings" movies\*
- Obtained summary judgment for the Norton Simon Museum in an order dismissing claims to recover two paintings that were subject to Nazi-coerced sales during World War II; recognized by the *Daily Journal* in 2017 as a California Lawyer Attorney of the Year (CLAY)\*
- Represented the J. Paul Getty Trust in international litigation over the ownership of artwork\*

\* Denotes experience at another firm prior to joining Wilson Sonsini in 2021.

## INSIGHTS

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### Select Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "Copyright in the Age of AI: Navigating New Frontiers," CenterForce's AI Governance & Strategy Summit, Seattle, April 2025
- Moderator, "IP Protection and AI," CenterForce's AI Governance & Strategy Summit, Seattle, April 2025