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## OVERVIEW

Chris Centurelli concentrates his practice on complex litigation, with particular focus on patent, copyright, and trade secret disputes. He has served as lead counsel in numerous cases involving technology companies, including those in the fields of electronic devices, robotics, HVAC equipment, and medical diagnostic tests. Other industries in which he has considerable trial experience include medical devices, agricultural products, e-commerce software, and computer hardware products. Chris has tried jury and bench trials, and argued claim constructions, dispositive motions, IPR proceedings, and arbitration proceedings.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Litigation - Intellectual Property in Boston, 2024
- Listed in IAM Patent 1000, United States Individuals: Trade Secrets Litigation, 2023

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member, Open Source Committee, Intellectual Property Owners Association
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy
- American Intellectual Property Society
- Boston Patent Law Association
- Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition, Northeast Region of the Chairperson, 2000-2002

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston College Law School, 1998 (*cum laude*)
- B.S., Tufts University College of Engineering, 1995 (*Computer Engineering, magna cum laude*)

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Massachusetts
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 29 January 2024, K&L Gates Leads Novozymes to Trade Secrets Trial Victory
- 1 August 2023, K&L Gates Intellectual Property Practice Listed Among Leaders in 2023 IAM Patent 1000 Rankings
- 1 September 2020, K&L Gates Secures Win for Lenovo in Patent Infringement Matter

## MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "Chembio Diagnostic Systems Prevails in International Arbitration Against BioSure (UK) Ltd," *Globe Newswire*, 22 November 2021

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Litigation
- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- Post-Grant Patents

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- *Marquis ProCap System, LLC v. Novozymes North America, Inc.* Represented Novozymes in a breach of contract and DTSA trade secret action. The dispute settled amicably after judgment was entered denying all Marquis' claims and ruling that Novozymes did not disclose or threaten to disclose any of the alleged trade secrets.
- *Chembio Diagnostic Systems Inc. v. BioSure (UK) LTD.* Represented Chembio in an international arbitration proceeding. After a five-day evidentiary hearing, the arbitration tribunal found BioSure breached the parties' contract and its implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and misappropriated Chembio's trade secrets under both federal and New York law; awarded Chembio its damages, costs, and attorneys' fees; and ordered BioSure to stop making, using, offering for sale, or selling Chembio's intellectual property.

- National Fish & Seafood, Inc. v. Tampa Bay Fisheries, et al. Represented NFS in a trade secret misappropriation action. The dispute settled amicably after an evidentiary hearing and written decision granted NFS its requested injunctive relief.
- Source Search Technologies, LLC v. KAYAK Software Corporation. Represented KAYAK in a patent infringement action concerning its Search One and Done® website. The District Court invalidated the asserted patent under 35 U.S.C. 101 and awarded KAYAK attorney fees; the decision was affirmed by the Federal Circuit.
- Exergen Corp. v. CVS Corp. Represented Exergen in a patent infringement action concerning its patented temporal artery thermometer technology. After a 15-day trial, the jury found each of Exergen's three asserted patents valid and infringed.
- Intellectual Ventures I, LLC, et al. v. Lenovo Group. Ltd., et al. Represented Lenovo in a six-patent dispute adverse to IV. Each asserted patent was found invalid after inter partes reexamination or not infringed after summary judgement and all appeals were taken.
- Aggreko, LLC v. United Rentals, Inc. et al. Represented United Rentals in defense of claims alleging trade secret misappropriation. The case settled after a multiday evidentiary hearing in which United Rentals defeated Aggreko's unreasonable request for injunctive relief.
- Accusoft Corp. v. Quest Diagnostics. Represented Quest Diagnostics in a breach of contract and copyright infringement dispute concerning its ChartMaxx, OptiMaxx, and eMaxx products. The case settled after the court's rulings on motions in limine.
- Sears v. Archer Daniels Midland Company. Represented ADM in a patent infringement action. After a two-week trial, the jury found that ADM's Caliber® deicing product did not infringe Sears' patents.