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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, 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

- *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, 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 vs. 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; a decision 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 fifteen-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 multi-day 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 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.