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Don Geiger is an associate in the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the firm's San Diego (Del Mar) office.

Areas of Practice

Don practices in both the litigation and transactional spheres of intellectual property. He advises and represents clients in patent and trademark litigations, as well as patent post-grant proceedings. With a technical background in electrical engineering and computer science, he drafts and prosecutes patents in a wide range of industries: from automotive software, to telecommunications hardware, to AI and machine learning algorithms. Don's legal education emphasized business deal work, trademark and patent law, and corporate finance, which he draws from for transactional matters such as IP portfolio analysis and licensing agreements.

Prior to joining the firm, Don earned his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Idaho. Don's undergraduate experience included courses focused on signal processing, robotics, and system design, as well as a research fellowship at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. After graduation, he worked in a diversified mix of engineering roles, such as designing avionics modifications for commercial aircraft, prototyping wearable electronics products, and directing a team of software application developers.

Don earned both a JD and LLM degree from Duke University. As part of his LLM degree in Law and Entrepreneurship, Don took additional coursework relating to start-up law, corporate finance, and negotiations. He also participated in Duke's Start-up Ventures Clinic, where he advised small start-up clients on entity formation and trademark prosecution.

In addition to being admitted to the State Bar of California, Don is a USPTO registered patent attorney.

Articles

- 2023 Federal Circuit Case Summaries Year End Report
04.08.2024
- Federal Circuit Weighs in on Relevance of Primary Reference's Intended Purpose to a POSITA's Motivation to Combine
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- IP Practice Group Launches Quarterly Review of Key Federal Circuit Decisions
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Intellectual Property Law Blog Posts

- "Federal Circuit Weighs in on Temporal Rigidity of the Bayh-Dole Act's Licensing Provisions," February 28, 2024
- "Federal Circuit Rules on Inventor-as-Lexicographer Definitions and the Proper Scope of Reply and Sur-Reply Briefing Following Patent Owner Responses to IPR Institution Decisions," February 14, 2024
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- "Cyntec Company, Ltd. v. Chilisin Electronics Corp., Chilisin America Ltd. Nos. 2022-1873, (Fed. Cir. October 16, 2023)," November 7, 2023
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- "UCB, Inc. v. Actavis Laboratories UT, Inc. No. 2021-1924, (Fed. Cir. Apr. 12, 2023)," July 31, 2023
- "2023 Federal Circuit Case Summaries," April 24, 2023

Practices

Intellectual Property

IP Licensing, Technology and Commercial Transactions

Patent Litigation

Patent Prosecution and Counseling

Post-Grant Proceedings

Trademarks and Trade Dress

Industries

Aerospace & Defense

Artificial Intelligence

Blockchain and Fintech

Emerging Company & Venture Capital

Esports & Games

Education

J.D., Duke University, 2022, *cum laude*

LL.M., Law in Entrepreneurship, Duke University, 2022, *cum laude*

B.S., Electrical Engineering, University of Idaho, 2012, *magna cum laude*

Admissions

California

United States Patent and Trademark Office