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ADMISSIONS

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EDUCATION

University of Missouri -
Kansas City JD, 2001

Tyler VanHoutan is a partner in the firm's Houston office whose practice involves all aspects of intellectual property law, with an emphasis on patent litigation and client counseling.

Mr. VanHoutan's patent litigation experience includes managing cases encompassing a wide range of technologies, including the telecommunications, oil and gas, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and medical devices industries.

Mr. VanHoutan has participated in bench and jury trials, *Markman* hearings, and all aspects of pre-trial discovery and motion practice. Mr. VanHoutan also has extensive experience litigating in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, one of the busiest venues for patent litigation in the United States. In addition, Mr. VanHoutan has experience in appellate briefing before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Representative Highlights

- *Adaptix, Inc. v. Motorola Mobility LLC and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless*. Counsel for Motorola Mobility LLC in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (C.A. 6:12-CV-016-LED) involving 4G LTE technology.
- *MicroUnity Systems Engineering, Inc. v. Apple, Inc., et al.* Counsel for Google Inc. and Motorola Mobility LLC in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (C.A. 2:10-CV-91-TJW and C.A. 2:10-CV-185-TJW) involving microprocessor core technology.
- *Alfred B. Levine v. Samsung Telecommunications America, LLC, et al.* Counsel for Motorola Mobility, Inc. in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (C.A. 2:09-CV-372-TJW) involving cellular navigation functionality.
- *Smartphone Technologies, LLC v. Research In Motion*

Corp., et al. Counsel for Motorola Mobility, Inc. in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (C.A. 6:10-CV-00074-LED) involving telecommunications and microprocessor technology.

- *M-I L.L.C. v. Chad Lee Stelly, et al.* Counsel for M-I L.L.C., a subsidiary of Schlumberger Limited, in trade secret litigation against a subsidiary of Halliburton Company, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (C.A. 4:09-CV-01552) involving completion tools for oil and gas wells.
- *EVM Systems, LLC v. Cordis Corporation, et al.* Counsel for Boston Scientific Corporation in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (C.A. 6:10-CV-00437-LED) involving urology stone retrieval basket technology.
- *e.Digital Corporation v. Pentax of America, Inc., et al.* Counsel for Coby Electronics Corporation in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado (C.A. 09-CV-02578-MSK) involving flash memory technology.
- *Saxon Innovations, LLC v. Nokia Corp., et al.* Counsel for Research In Motion Corporation and Research In Motion Limited (“RIM”) in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (C.A. 6:07-CV-490-LED) involving microprocessor and data encryption technology.
- *Minerva Industries, Inc. v. Motorola, Inc., et al.* Counsel for Research In Motion Corporation (“RIM”) in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (C.A. 2:07-CV-229-TJW) involving telecommunications technology.
- *FMC Technologies, Inc. v. Vetco Gray Inc.* Counsel for FMC Technologies, Inc. in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (C.A. 3-06-CV-2253) involving subsea horizontal Christmas trees for oil and gas well production.
- *Williams Wireless Technologies, Inc., et al. v. Research In Motion Corp., et al.* Counsel for Research in Motion Corporation (“RIM”) in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (C.A. 4:06-CV-305 RAS) involving electronic circuits technology.
- *MGM Well Services, Inc. v. Mega Lift Systems, LLC .* Counsel for MGM Well Services, Inc. in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (C.A. H-05-1364) involving artificial lift technology for oil and gas well production.
- *Antor Media v. Nokia, Inc., et al.* Counsel for Research In Motion Corporation (“RIM”) in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (C.A. 2:05-CV-186-DF) involving telecommunications, data access, and processing technology.
- *Morris Reese v. Samsung Telecommunications, et al.*

Counsel for Research In Motion Corporation (“RIM”) in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (C.A. 2:05-CV-415-DF) involving telecommunications technology.

- *Weatherford International, Inc., et al. v. CaseTech International, Inc.* Counsel for Weatherford International, Inc. in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (C.A. H-03-5383) involving cementing equipment for oil and gas wells.
- *Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. v. Weatherford International, Inc., et al.* Counsel for Weatherford International, Inc. in patent litigation in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (C.A. 02-CV-1347-P) involving cementing equipment for oil and gas wells.

Mr. VanHoutan received a B.S. in Biology from Missouri State University in 1998 and received his J.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law in 2001, where he was a member of the *University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Review* from 1999 to 2001.

HONORS & AWARDS

Mr. VanHoutan was recognized as a “Rising Star” in patent litigation by *Texas Monthly* in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

ACTIVITIES

Mr. VanHoutan is a member of the Houston Bar Association and the Houston Intellectual Property Law Association, and a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation.

He also regularly handles pro bono cases for the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program and for Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts.

PUBLICATIONS

BRIEFING 03/26/12

Merely Applying Law of Nature does not Constitute Patentable Subject Matter

BRIEFING 06/10/11

Supreme Court affirms “clear and convincing” standard for proving patent invalidity. Majority and concurring opinions invite use of jury instructions to clarify degree of deference due to PTO and role of jury in particular cases.

BRIEFING 06/08/11

Supreme Court Holds That Induced Patent Infringement Requires That the Inducer Knows That the Induced Conduct Infringes a Patent

BRIEFING 05/27/11

Federal Circuit Raises the Bar for Proving Inequitable Conduct