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Intellectual Property

A Word About this List

Being a paid observer of the legal industry brings us a lot of enriching moments. But the absolute best part about our job is watching brilliant people facilitate creative ideas so that they blossom into real solutions. Nowhere is this more evident than in the intellectual property arena, in which lawyers draft and defend patents, copyrights and trademarks for medical cures, technological innovations and, of course, great entertainment.

This is the fourth year the Daily Journal has published a Top Intellectual Property Lawyers list. In putting it together, editors read hundreds of nominations from lawyers. We also consult Daily Journal reporters who cover this field and read our coverage of the practice.

To qualify, the lawyer must be based in California but his or

her work can be anywhere. Many of the litigators practice in the Eastern District of Texas but they also have cases in other federal districts and before the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C. Portfolio managers work for companies in every corner of the globe.

The most important criterion for making the list is the impact of the work. How has this work affected an industry or society? Did it create or save jobs? Did it help bring to market a cure? Save a technological innovation?

The result is a lively mix of people doing fascinating work. There are tech gurus, science nerds and glitzy Hollywood folks. Read on. Get to know them.

— The Editors

75 LEADING IP LITIGATORS



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Patent

Goldman has made this list for four consecutive years, and for good reason. For more than a decade, the lawyer has helped his long-time client, Purdue Pharma L.P., enforce its patent for its pain medication, OxyContin.

Purdue has been successful in a preliminary injunction motion against one infringer, in two district court bench trials against four others and twice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Four other groups of defendants settled with Purdue Pharma.

“In essence, we have successfully litigated against nine groups of infringers,” Goldman said. His team has also helped to enforce Purdue’s patents in the U.K., Canada and, most recently, in South Korea.

U.S. patent infringement actions against four other groups of proposed generics were filed in May 2010 and August 2010 and are now pending. In March, Purdue filed suit against three additional generics, this time relating to OxyContin reformulated to better resist intentional tampering.

Other recent matters Goldman has been involved in:

- Represented Purdue Pharma, L.P. and its UK affiliate, Napp Pharmaceuticals Ltd., in a multidistrict patent infringement actions relating to controlled-release Tramadol, an analgesic for chronic pain arising from diseases such as arthritis.
- Represented Advanced Micro Devices Inc. in two patent infringement actions brought by OPTi Inc. in the Eastern District of Texas.
- Representing Google Inc. and YouTube in a multi-party patent infringement action brought by Eolas Technologies Inc. in the Eastern District of Texas.

— Robert Pierce