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Intellectual Property Litigation



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Education

J.D., University of Minnesota
Law School, 1996

B.S.E., Bioengineering,
University of Pennsylvania, 1993

Bar Admissions

New York

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second,
Third and Federal Circuits

U.S. District Courts for the Eastern
District of Michigan, Eastern District
of Wisconsin, and Southern and
Eastern Districts of New York

Associations

Board of Directors, New York
Intellectual Property Law Association

Board of Directors, Volunteer Lawyers
for the Arts

Douglas R. Nemec is head of Skadden's Intellectual Property Litigation Group, concentrating his practice on litigating complex cases involving intellectual property and technology. He approaches every case with the philosophy that good advocacy transcends geography, technology space and substantive area of the law. In the diverse range of matters Mr. Nemec has led in state and federal courts from coast to coast, he has obtained positive results for clients in matters ranging from patent infringement to trade secrets to high-stakes licensing disputes. The technologies involved have been equally wide-ranging. With a background in bioengineering, Mr. Nemec has a particular fondness for life sciences matters, but has equal aptitude helping judges and juries to understand technological matters involving computers, electronics, industrial chemicals and mechanical structures.

Working alongside Skadden's corporate practice, Mr. Nemec has significant experience beyond litigation, including advising on mergers and acquisitions, licensing, and general IP counseling. As a registered patent attorney, he also represents clients in matters before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, which has become an important complement to the firm's IP litigation practice. Additionally, in life sciences matters, Mr. Nemec has advised on defense of patent infringement claims, enforcement of patent and other IP rights, and *inter partes* reviews related to the treatment of a variety of ailments and diseases.

Skadden's IP Litigation Group has been named a Powerhouse in *BTI Litigation Outlook*, recognized as a leading firm in the trademark field by *World Trademark Review*, ranked as a nationwide Tier 1 firm for intellectual property litigation by *U.S. News — Best Lawyers Best Law Firms* and selected to *The National Law Journal's* Intellectual Property Hot List for multiple years. Mr. Nemec also individually has been repeatedly recognized by *Chambers USA* and *The Best Lawyers in America*, as well as by Lawdragon as one of its 500 Leading Litigators in America and 500 Leading Global IP Lawyers. In addition, he has been honored by *World Trademark Review* as part of its WTR 1000, noted as a leader in IP by *LMG Life Sciences* and *Intellectual Asset Management's* IAM Patent 1000, and recognized as a BTI Client Service All-Star by BTI Consulting Group. He was also recognized as a finalist for Litigator of the Year — New York in 2024 by *Managing IP*, which has repeatedly named him an IP Star and Patent Star.

Selected engagements in which Mr. Nemec has served a lead role include:

- securing a jury verdict for defendant Universal Alloy Corporation in a trade secret misappropriation case concerning aluminum alloy aircraft parts brought by Arconic Corp. (f/k/a Alcoa) in the Northern District of Georgia
- obtaining affirmance at the Federal Circuit of a District of Delaware Rule 12(b)(6) *Alice* dismissal of patent infringement claims brought by RealTime Data against network security company Fortinet, Inc.
- representing JP Morgan Chase as lead counsel in multiple patent infringement matters, including securing findings of non-infringement and patent invalidity at the trial and appellate court levels in Delaware, California and the Federal Circuit
- pursuing claims for breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duties on behalf of Collectar Biosciences, Inc. in Wisconsin federal court, relating to the wrongful assignment of cancer drug delivery mechanisms

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- defending Dell in a software copyright, Lanham Act and breach of contract action in Massachusetts federal court brought by a former software and services provider
 - securing a complete defense verdict in Wisconsin state court on behalf of a subsidiary of food services technology company Middleby in a case alleging unfair competition and violation of state patent notification laws
 - defending Caterpillar against patent infringement claims asserted by an after-market parts supplier and pursuing counterclaims, including copyright infringement, false advertising and unfair competition, in the same matter in Chicago federal court
 - asserting claims of patent infringement on behalf of network security company Fortinet and defending reciprocal counterclaims of patent infringement and tortious interference in San Francisco federal court
 - defending a group of refined coal technology companies in Delaware federal court against claims of patent infringement concerning mercury emission reduction techniques

Selected Publications

Co-Author, “Intellectual Property: Appointments, AI Policies, Patent Bills and FTC Action Could Shake Up the Field,” *Skadden Publication*, January 31, 2025

Co-Author, “State ‘Anti-Patent Troll’ Legislation Displays Its Teeth, and Its Limitations,” *Corporate Disputes*, October-December 2024

Co-Author, “The FTC Challenges Companies’ Allegedly Improper Orange Book Patent Listings,” *Skadden Publication*, June 2024

Co-Author, “New Developments Help Clarify Intersection of Patent Law and Artificial Intelligence,” *Skadden Publication*, March 25, 2024

Co-Author, “AI and Patent Law: Balancing Innovation and Inventorship,” *Skadden’s Insights*, April 2023

Co-Author, “PTAB Update,” *Skadden Publication*, March 2023

Co-Author, “The Rise of International Arbitration in IP, Science and Technology Disputes,” *Financier Worldwide*, June 2022

Author, “Supreme Court Report,” *IP Litigator*, March/April 2022

Co-Author, “Supreme Court Opens Door for Assignors To Challenge Patent Validity,” *Skadden’s 2022 Insights*, January 19, 2022

Presentations (2016-Present)

Co-Chair, PLI Patent Law Institute 2006-2024, New York and San Francisco

Speaker, Nevada State Bar Association Annual Meeting, Keynote Speaker on Ethics, 2016-2021, Las Vegas

Panelist, “The Supreme Court’s Decision in *Oil States*,” 35th Annual Joint Patent Practice Seminar, May 2, 2019, New York

Panelist, “Trade Secrets Protection, Enforcement & Litigation,” Sandpiper Partners, February 26, 2019, New York

Co-Presenter, “When Employee and Collaborative Business Relationships Dissolve,” IP Law and Management Institute, November 5, 2018, Pasadena, California

Co-Presenter, “Think Tank Session: IP Litigation — Best Practices for IP Counsel,” International Performance Management Institute, IP Law and Management Institute, November 5, 2017, Austin, Texas

Co-Presenter, “There Are Two Sides to Every Story: Thematic Considerations of Proving and Defending Trade Secrets Claims,” Managing Intellectual Property Trade Secrets Forum 2017, September 26, 2017, Palo Alto, California

Moderator, PTAB Trials: Tips and Strategies, New York Intellectual Property Law Association, June 8, 2016