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Education

J.D., Stanford Law School (Executive Editor, *Stanford Law Review*)

M.A., Yale University

B.A., Dartmouth College

Bar Admissions

California

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal and Ninth Circuits

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Central and Southern Districts of California

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of Texas

Experience

Law Clerk, Hon. José A. Cabranes, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Representative matters prior to joining Skadden include:

- acting as lead counsel in securing a favorable settlement for Fortinet against Sophos in a multi-venue fight (N.D. Cal., D. Del., JAMS arbitration and PTAB proceedings) asserting claims for patent infringement, trade secret misappropriation, employee poaching and contract interference;
- acting as lead counsel for Fortinet in securing a full dismissal with prejudice against Network Protection Sciences (NPS). NPS asserted patent claims against Fortinet in federal court (N.D. Cal.), asked for damages of \$18 million and asked for trebling of damages over \$53 million. The case was covered widely in the press;
- acting as lead counsel for an S&P 500 company and its executives in a private arbitration, defending claims of alleged bank fraud and civil liability for allegedly criminal conduct. The arbitrator found entirely in favor of Mr. Neukom's client;
- acting as lead counsel in securing a favorable settlement of all claims for PACT XPP, a German semiconductor design company, against Altera for patent claims in federal court (N.D. Cal.) covering programmable gate array technologies;
- representing the plaintiff, a start-up company dedicated to semiconductor chip designs, at jury trial against the world's largest chip manufacturer in a trade secrets case. After a two-week trial and multiple days of deliberation, the jury returned a \$30.5 million verdict for the plaintiff. VerdictSearch reported this as one of the 100 biggest jury verdicts nationally, and the *Daily Journal* pegged it as one of the top 10 plaintiff's verdicts in California that year;
- representing the patent owner at bench trial to defend the enforceability of disputed patents. The court ruled unequivocally in favor of Mr. Neukom's client and ruled the case "exceptional" under federal fee-recovery statutes;
- successfully arguing a dispute between telecommunications competitors involving retaliatory litigation in numerous federal and state courts;
- representing the plaintiff in securing the favorable settlement of a patent case concerning semiconductor lighting technologies in C.D. Cal.;
- representing the plaintiff at a patent jury trial in E.D. Tex., covering computer display technology. The jury returned a \$3 million verdict and a willfulness finding;
- representing a smartphone manufacturer in an ITC investigation and hearing;
- representing two of five heirs in a probate dispute over an estate worth approximately \$1 billion;
- serving as principal attorney for *amicus curiae* briefing for an appeal to the Federal Circuit;
- advising a *Fortune* 10 company on compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act;
- representing the security check-point operators (and insurer) for Logan International Airport in the S.D.N.Y., in the case of *In re September 11 Litigation*; and
- representing the plaintiff in securing a favorable settlement in a patent case and trade secret case in E.D. Tex. concerning "rich internet applications."