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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 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

John (Jay) Neukom is co-head of Skadden's Intellectual Property Litigation Group. He focuses on complex business and intellectual property disputes, including patent and trade secret matters, and has tried cases before federal and state courts, domestic and international arbitration tribunals, and the International Trade Commission.

Mr. Neukom serves as lead counsel for and against *Fortune* 500 companies in high-stakes litigation over intellectual property, contract and competition issues. He has chaired jury trials, bench trials, arbitrations in the U.S. and Canada, and ITC hearings, and argued numerous federal appeals. He has argued in state and federal courts around the country, including Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, New York, Texas, Washington and Washington, D.C.

Mr. Neukom's recent representations have included (i) arguing and winning an appeal for Kia before the Ninth Circuit; (ii) arguing and winning an appeal for a secure-messaging company before the Ninth Circuit; (iii) arguing and defeating a preliminary injunction request for Standard Industries in Santa Clara Superior Court; and (iv) arguing and winning a motion to dismiss with prejudice in a five-patent case for Fortinet in Delaware.

Mr. Neukom has litigated more than 100 intellectual property disputes in federal courts, including asserting and defending claims for patent infringement, copyright infringement, trademark infringement and trade secret misappropriation. He has defended negligence claims arising from the 9/11 terrorist attacks; represented Kim Dotcom (the founder of New Zealand's Internet political party) to oppose extradition attempts by the U.S. government; represented two sisters in a probate dispute over a \$1 billion estate; defended a CEO accused of improper conduct by his own company; audited a *Fortune* 10 company's FCPA compliance; represented HTC in the "smartphone wars"; represented Waymo in its trade secret case over self-driving car technology against Uber; defended a claim for a constructive trust over a multibillion-dollar telecommunications company; and pursued and defended class actions alleging monopolistic conduct, privacy violations and securities fraud. He has represented clients such as Google, Cisco, AT&T, Bank of New York, Philips and Kia.

*The Daily Journal* repeatedly has recognized him as one of California's Top Intellectual Property Lawyers (2017-21) and also as one of the state's Top Trade Secrets Lawyers (2019-21). Additionally, *Intellectual Asset Management* repeatedly has named him to its IAM Patent 1000 as a leading patent litigator in California. *Law360* has described him as a "trial pro" and separately, in 2014, named him as one of the top 15 intellectual property lawyers in the world under the age of 40. Earlier in his career, he was named by *The Recorder* as a Lawyer on the Fast Track.

Mr. Neukom sits on the board of directors for Children's Rights, a nonprofit that uses litigation to advocate for the rights of foster children. He is an honorary member of the Commercial Bar Association of England; a founding member of the Angler's Committee for the American Museum of Fly Fishing in Vermont; a former trustee of the Henry Art Gallery at the University of Washington; and a director of a private charitable foundation that provides grants to nonprofit organizations internationally.