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Overview

Oliver Richards is an intellectual property litigator who works with companies of all sizes encompassing a wide range of technologies. From representing clients in high-stakes cases before the Federal Circuit to taking on non-practicing entities in high-volume litigation, Oliver approaches all his matters with a formidable blend of efficiency and creativity.

Oliver's experience has touched on a variety of technologies, including integrated circuit design and fabrication, wireless standards (including cases involving standard essential patents), graphical user interfaces, and encryption technologies. His notable cases include helping represent Seirus Innovative Accessories at the Federal Circuit after an adverse summary judgment finding, resulting in successfully achieving reversal on behalf of the client and wiping out a multi-million-dollar verdict. In another significant win, Oliver joined the representation of telecommunications client uCloudlink, in which the Fish & Richardson team persuaded the Federal Circuit to completely reverse a decision that held their client liable for millions in damages for willful patent infringement.

Additionally, Oliver is highly skilled in complex legal analysis and writing; he has drafted effective briefs before a wide variety of tribunals, including the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, U.S. District Courts, and the Federal Circuit. Oliver's communication skills extend to his knack for clearly explaining complex legal concepts to a non-expert audience. Determined and efficient, Oliver is also known for his ability to quickly deal with high volumes of matters asserted by non-practicing entities.

Prior to joining Fish, Oliver served as a law clerk for the Honorable Timothy B. Dyk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. During law school, Oliver co-founded the Patent Law Reading Group — a group dedicated to keeping up with recent developments in patent law from the Federal Circuit and Supreme Court — and Oliver has continued this in his practice, keeping Fish's clients up to date with alerts on important patent law developments.

In his pro bono practice, Oliver dedicates time to organizations in his community, including the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program and the Los Angeles Alliance for Children's Rights.

Oliver formerly worked as a math and science teacher. A classically trained musician, he enjoys unwinding at the piano.

Experience

Columbia Sportswear v. Seirus Innovative Accessories (D. Or. and S.D. Cal.) - Jury trial in San Diego obtaining a verdict invalidating Columbia's asserted utility patent. Federal Circuit affirmed invalidity of the utility patent, reversed summary judgment of infringement for an asserted design patent, and remanded the case for a new trial on the design patent.

SIMO Holdings Inc. v. uCloudlink Network Technology Limited et al. (Fed. Cir.). After Chinese client uCloudlink lost at trial in S.D.N.Y. with another firm, Fish took over the case and persuaded the Federal Circuit to completely reverse a decision holding them liable

for \$8.2 million in damages for ten months of willful patent infringement. Fish's client ultimately paid nothing and there was no remand to the lower court.

Insights

Blog | June 13, 2018

Fish Obtains First PGR Reversal at Federal Circuit in *Altaire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Paragon Biotech, Inc.*

Webinar | March 14, 2018

Post-Grant for Practitioners Webinar: Post-Grant Appeals at the Federal Circuit

Post-Grant Report | January 1, 2018

2017 Post-Grant Annual Report

Webinar | November 28, 2017

Post-Grant for Practitioners: Amendments After *Aqua Products*

Blog | October 5, 2017

Legal Alert: Federal Circuit Faults PTO's Approach to Claim Amendments During IPR, But Allows PTO to Try to Fix the Problem

Events

April 24, 2023

PTAB Bar Association Program Committee Webinar: Preservation of Appellate Arguments and Considerations for Appellate Review of PTAB Decisions

News

May 23, 2023

Twenty-Three People From Fish & Richardson Honored by California Lawyers Association With Wiley W. Manuel Certificate for Pro Bono Legal Services

January 3, 2023

Fish & Richardson Elevates 15 Attorneys to Principal in Class Distinguished by Diversity of Background and Experience

January 28, 2021

Fish & Richardson Wins Full Federal Circuit Reversal and Summary Judgment of Non-Infringement for uCloudlink in Patent Dispute

Additional insights

Publications

- "Challenging PTO Institution Policies (If Not Institution Decisions)," *Patently-O* (January 29, 2017)
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Services

Litigation

Patent Litigation

Post-Grant

Inter Partes Review

Post-Grant Review

Ex Parte Reexamination

Supplemental Examination

Admissions

California

Oregon

Clerkships

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, The Honorable Timothy B. Dyk

Education

J.D. *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, New York University School of Law (2015) Development Editor, *NYU Annual Survey of American Law*

B.S. *magna cum laude*, Mathematics, Millsaps College (2007)