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A dedicated litigator with a background in the hard sciences, Adam Yowell has extensive experience both enforcing and defending patents. He has argued cases in federal district courts across the country, the PTAB, and the Federal Circuit, including several Markman and dispositive motion hearings. Adam has substantial experience in all phases of patent litigation, including first-chairing multiple simultaneous IPR proceedings, drafting appellate, claim construction, summary judgment briefs, and generating contention discovery and expert reports.

His litigation experience spans a wide variety of technologies and industries, including casino gaming devices and systems, semiconductor design and fabrication, databases, enterprise/backbone level networking, smartphones, consumer electronics, mobile commerce, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, heavy equipment, Wi-Fi and location services.

During law school, Adam received special permission to take majors-level physics classes alongside his law coursework, and successfully completed the Category B requirements for the patent bar. Adam also completed substantial computer science coursework, and continues to expand his technical learning. Prior to joining the firm, Adam worked at Watson Rounds, a firm Brownstein acquired on September 1, 2015.

Practices

Intellectual Property Litigation

Representative Matters

- Represented Frontier Water Systems against General Electric in multi-patent declaratory judgment action in the District of Utah, as well as in IPR proceeding, involving technology for the removal of selenium in coal-fired power plant wastewater. The case also involved the enforceability of non-compete contracts under Ontario, Canada law. Case settled.
- Represented Pulse Health, LLC in its Complaint against Akers Biosciences, Inc. in the District of Oregon for breach of an exclusive license agreement. The licensed technology involved chemical formulations for measuring oxidative stress in exhaled breath. Case settled and permanent injunction entered.
- Represents transaction technologies supplier Japan Cash Machine in all aspects of its IP portfolio procurement, management, licensing, and assertion.
- Represented Unwired Planet in multi-patent case against Google involving mobile device location and communication protocols.
- Represented telecommunication and social networking companies in multi-patent case involving voice over internet protocols.
- Represented gaming cabinet maker VSR in inter partes review in which the PTAB found all patent claims invalid and the Federal Circuit affirmed.
- Counsel to former members of Creedence Clearwater Revival in licensing royalty and trademark cases against record label and John Fogerty in Northern and Central Districts of California.
- Represented ESCO against Caterpillar in complex multi-patent and antitrust case.
- Represented generic pharmaceutical company in several ANDA patent infringement actions, including trial.

- Represented GraphOn in Northern District of California and on appeal in one of the first reported cases involving computer inventions and 35 U.S.C. § 101. *MySpace, et al. v. GraphOn*, 672 F.3d 1250 (Fed. Cir. 2012).
- Represented Nanoptix in patent infringement case involving gaming device promotional printers in Central District of California. Summary judgment of invalidity granted and affirmed on appeal.
- Represented gaming manufacturer in multi-patent case in District of Mississippi and before Patent Office. Settled after inter partes review instituted.
- Represented Japan Cash Machine in multi-patent case involving bill validators for gaming devices. \$11.4 million jury verdict affirmed on appeal.

Publications & Presentations

- A Primer on Casino Game Patents, Co-author, *Casino Journal*, February 21, 2019
- Guest Column: Protect Your Patent and Know Its Worth, Co-author, *Vegas Inc.*, February 4, 2019
- Polaris And The Return Of The Utility Requirement, Co-author, *Law360*, April 9, 2018
- Fed. Circ. Limits 'Common Sense' In Obviousness Analysis, *Law360*, September 9 2016

Education

- J.D., 2009, Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- B.A., 2006, Stanford University

Admissions

- Nevada
- California
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Recognition

Chancellor's Fellowship Award, Indiana University School of Law
Sherman Minton Moot Court, Brief Writing