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EDUCATION

M.Eng., Bioinformatics
University of Illinois at Chicago, 2011
LL.M., Intellectual Property Law
The John Marshall Law School, 2009
J.D., Certificate in Intellectual Property Law
The John Marshall Law School, 2007
M.S., Computer Science
University of Chicago, 2003
M.B.A.,
Loyola University Chicago, 2000
B.S., Biochemistry
University of Illinois at Chicago, 1996

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois
Florida
Supreme Court of the United States
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fed. Cir.
U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Cir.
U.S. Dist. Court, M.D. Florida
U.S. Dist. Court, S.D. Florida
U.S. Dist. Court, N.D. Florida
Board Certified in Intellectual Property Law,
Florida Bar
U.S. Dist. Court, E.D. Texas

Stephen J. Leahu partners with clients to protect and enforce their rights in all areas of intellectual property law. He is Board Certified in Intellectual Property Law. His experience includes patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade dress, domain names, unfair competition, idea misappropriation and trade secrets.

Stephen has been actively involved in patent prosecution, post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, litigation, licensing and the counseling of clients on their product development and transactions concerning intellectual property rights. Stephen has represented clients in intellectual property litigation in various state and federal courts and before the International Trade Commission (ITC). Stephen is a registered patent attorney and is licensed in Florida, Illinois and the District of Columbia.

Stephen's diverse science and business background has enabled him to handle patented subject matter in a wide range of technologies and industry sectors. To further his technical expertise, Stephen earned a Masters in Engineering with a focus in bioinformatics (including imaging informatics, molecular modeling and computed tomography) which complements his degrees in biochemistry and computer science. Stephen earned a Certificate in Intellectual Property Law while completing his law degree and went on to earn a Masters in Intellectual Property Law. In order to better assist clients with their global strategies, he was admitted to practice law as an English solicitor in England and Wales and studied Comparative International Intellectual Property Law at the Max Planck Institute in Munich, Germany under Donald Chisum, author of the leading treatise on patent law.

EXPERIENCE | LEGAL

- **Brinks Gilson & Liono**, Tampa, Florida
Associate, 2016-Present

Feldman Gale, Tampa, Florida

Biographies | Stephen J. Leahu

Associate, 2015-2016

Carlton Fields, Tampa, Florida

Associate, 2011-2015

Greenberg Traurig, Orlando, Florida

Associate, 2007-2011

EXPERIENCE | CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

- **Bohmann & Loosen**, Munich, Germany
Patent Law Intern, 2006

PRACTICE GROUPS

Litigation

Copyright

International Trade Commission (ITC)

Patent Prosecution

Post-Grant Patent

Trade Secrets

International Patent

AREA OF FOCUS

Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical

Electrical & Computer

Mechanical

Medical Device

FORWARD THINKING

Alerts

- When Your Export Business Suddenly Becomes Substantial: Are Your Export Commodities Substantial Enough To Induce Infringement Under §271(f)(1) of the Patent Act?, September 26, 2016
- Federal Circuit Upholds District Court Vacatur of Jury Verdict Under Doctrine of Equivalents Based Upon Ensnarement Defense, October 04, 2017
- The USPTO Director Revises PTAB Standard Operating Procedures, September 28, 2018

HONORS

- Florida Trend's Legal Elite, 2018
- Florida Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, 2017

AFFILIATIONS

- PTAB Bar Association
- International Trade Commission, Trial Lawyers Association
- International Trademark Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property
- Federal Bar Association
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

- Biochemistry
- Bioengineering
- Bioinformatics
- Computer Science

LANGUAGES

- Romanian

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *In the Matter of Certain Electronic Imaging Devices*, ITC investigation No. 337-TA-726 (Chief ALJ Luckern, ITC 2010) (Patent Infringement): Assisted with the representation of LG Electronics in an International Trade Commission §337 investigation concerning imaging devices.
- *Celorio v. Google, et al.*, Case No. 1:11-CV-79-SPM/GRJ (J. Mickle, N.D. Fla. 2011) (Patent Infringement): Assisted with defending Google on patent infringement claims relating to on-demand publishing technology.
- *Ultra Products, Inc. v. Antec, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 6:08-cv-503-MSS-DAB, (J. Scriven, M.D. Fla. 2008) (Patent infringement): Assisted with the representation of patent owner in three related patent infringement lawsuits involving modular computer power supply technology. Case was transferred to N.D. of California after extensive jurisdictional discovery.
- *Ecolab Inc. et al v. International Chemical Corporation*, Case No. 6:10-CV-01208-ACC-GJK (J. Conway, M.D. Fla. 2010) (Patent Infringement and trademark infringement): Defended against patent infringement claims concerning methods for lubricating conveyor belts in beverage industry. Case settled after extensive litigation and discovery involving inequitable conduct, indefiniteness and false marking.
- *Goswami v. Lennox Industries, Inc.* (J. Roundtree, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Alachua County, Florida 2008) (Patent Royalties): Second-chair at trial defending Lennox, a publicly-traded company, against an inventor's claim for patent royalties concerning air purification systems.
- *Plastic Tubing Industries, Inc. v. Blue Diamond Industries, LLC et al.*, Case No. 6:10-cv-1227-GAP-KRS (J. Presnell, M.D. Fla. 2010) (Patent Infringement): Assisted patentee with obtaining permanent injunction preventing the manufacture, use, or sale of patented multi-pipe systems for drain field assemblies.
- *Lee Fisher International, Inc. v. Pure Fishing, Inc.*, Case No. 8:10-CV-2020-SCB-TBM (J. Bucklew, M.D. Fla. 2010) (Patent Infringement and Trade Dress Infringement): Assisted with defending against patent infringement and trade dress infringement claims concerning a fishing tool.
- *Capella Photonics, Inc. v. Ciena Corporation and Telefonica, S.A.*, Case No. 1:14-cv-20530-PAS (J. Seitz, S.D. Fla. 2014) (Patent infringement): Assisted as local counsel in the defense against patent infringement claims concerning fiber optic communication systems.
- *Worldwide Home Products, Inc. v. Bed, Bath and Beyond, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:11-cv-03633-LTS-MHD (J. Swain, S.D. N.Y. 2011) (Patent infringement): Assisted with plaintiff's request for reconsideration of summary judgment on the issue of inequitable conduct.
- *Harris Corporation v. NetGear, Inc.*, Case No. 6:11-cv-01866-ACC-TBS (J. Conway, M.D. Fla. 2011) (Patent infringement): Assisted as local counsel in the defense against patent infringement claims concerning information networks.
- *Live Face on Web, LLC v. Jackson & Joyce Family Dentistry, P.L.*, Case No. 5:15-cv-00232-JSM-PRL (J. Moody, M.D. Fla. 2015) (Copyright infringement): Assisted with the defense against a copyright claim concerning source code for websites.
- *3Lions Publishing, Inc. v. Market Research, Inc.*, Case No. 8:14-cv-02018-SDM-EAJ (J. Merryday, M.D. Fla. 2014) (Copyright infringement): Assisted with obtaining dismissal of case.
- *Slep-Tone Entertainment Corporation v. Levy*, Case No. 8:12-cv-01443-JSM-EAJ (J. Moody, M.D. Fla. 2012)

(Copyright infringement): Assisted pro bono client with the settlement of the case.

- *VIII v. DBSI Telecom Office, LLC, et al.* (Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Hillsborough County, Florida 2013) (Copyright ownership): Second-chaired at a summary judgment hearing defending the copyrights of R.R. Simmons Construction Corp. concerning architectural plans in a foreclosure action.
- *ActForex, Inc. v. Boston Merchant Financial, LTD. et al.*, Case No. 12-cv-6282 (S.D.N.Y. 2012) (Copyright Infringement, Trade Secret Misappropriation): Assisted with the representation of ActForex concerning protection of its software for a currency trading platform.
- *Revere Entertainment Studios, LLC et al v. Anheuser-Busch, Incorporated et al.*, Case No. 6:11-cv-849-MSS-GJK (J. Scriven, M.D. Fla. 2011) (Copyright Infringement and Trade Secret Misappropriation): Assisted with the defense of SeaWorld against claims relating to alleged copyrights, including the following claims: breach of contract, breach of implied contract, unfair competition, misappropriation of trade secret, conversion, negligent misrepresentation, constructive fraud, civil conspiracy, accounting, unjust enrichment, and deceptive and unfair trade practices. Case was successfully transferred to the Eastern District of Missouri after extensive litigation including removal from state court.
- *SeaWorld & Brancheau v. Sheriff of Orange County*, Case No. 2010-CA-06673 (Ninth Judicial Circuit, Orange County, Florida 2010) (Copyright Infringement): Assisted with representation of SeaWorld as an intervenor concerning copyright protection of its videos and obtained an injunction prohibiting publication of graphic videos depicting death of orca trainer.
- *SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, LLC v. OSHA*, Case No. 6:11-cv-1416-GAP-DAB (J. Presnell, M.D. Fla. 2012) (Copyright Infringement): Assisted with the representation of SeaWorld as an intervenor concerning copyright protection of its videos.
- *Millenia Gallery, LLC v. Mosaic Legends, LLC*, Case No. 6:10-cv-00872-ACC-GJK (J. Conway, M.D. Fla. 2010) (Copyright Infringement): Assisted copyright owner with removal of lawsuit from state court and with defense against a contract claim concerning copyrighted mosaic art work.
- *Masterfile v. CRA et al.*, Case No. 1:09-cv-22246-JAL (J. Lenard, S.D. Fla. 2009) (Copyright Infringement): Assisted with the copyright owner's representation.
- *Masterfile Corporation v. John Price Broker & Associates*, Case No. 6:10-CV-343-MSS-GJK (J. Scriven, M.D. Fla. 2010) (Copyright Infringement): Assisted with the copyright owner's representation.
- *Masterfile Corporation v. Accounting Systems Technology, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 6:10-cv-259-JA-GJK (J. Antoon, M.D. Fla. 2010) (Copyright Infringement): Assisted a copyright owner with obtaining a default judgment and injunction.
- *Spiral Direct, Inc. et al v. Basic Sports Apparel, Inc.*, Case No. 6:15-cv-00641-JA-TBS (J. Antoon, M.D. Fla. 2015) (trademark infringement): Assisted with the trademark owner's representation.
- *MB Innovation, LLC v. International IP Holdings, LLC*, Case No. 1:14-cv-20789-JAL (J. Lenard, S.D. Fla. 2014) (trademark infringement): Assisted with defending against allegations of trademark infringement and deceptive and unfair trade practices.
- *San Antonio Shoe, Inc. v. Penaljo of South Florida, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 0:12-cv-61192-KMW (J. Williams, S.D. Fla. 2012) (trademark infringement): Assisted shoe manufacturer in obtaining a permanent injunction against a retail store's trademark infringement.
- *Liberty Counsel, Inc. v. Ohio Liberty Council Corp.*, Case No. 2:11-cv-789-JLG-EPD (J. Graham, S.D. Ohio 2011) (trademark infringement): Assisted pro bono client with enforcing trademark rights. Obtained a permanent injunction requiring defendant to permanently refrain from using Liberty Counsel's trademarks and to change its corporate name.
- *Land Rover et al v. E2 Services, Inc. et al*, Case No. 6:10-cv-00256-GKS-DAB (J. Sharp, M.D. Fla. 2010) (trademark infringement and cybersquatting): Assisted an automobile dealership in obtaining permanent injunction against an automotive repair shop's cybersquatting, trademark infringement, unfair competition

and manipulation of Google and Yahoo Local business listings.

- *Skyventure Orlando, LLC v. Skyventure Management, LLC et al.*, Case 6:09-cv-00396-PCF-KRS (J. Fawsett, M.D. Fla. 2009) (trademark infringement and franchise violations) Assisted with the representation of plaintiff involving a franchise dispute concerning indoor skydiving wind tunnels.
- *Freid v. eBay, Inc.*, Case No. 2008-SC-338773 (Ninth Judicial Circuit, Orange County, Florida 2008) (Internet law): On behalf of eBay, assisted lead trial counsel with obtaining dismissal of a consumer fraud claim based upon Section 230 of the Communication Decency Act immunizing computer service providers from liability for content provided by third parties.
- *Federal Trade Commission v. CyberSpy Software, LLC et al.*, Case No. 6:08-cv-1872-GAP-GJK (J. Presnell, M.D. Fla. 2008): Conducted depositions and assisted with defense against allegations of unfair sale of spyware and collection of personal information.