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Main Bio

Nathan Mammen has broad experience in intellectual property trial and appellate litigation. He frequently leads teams in “bet-the-company” complex intellectual property matters and has tried cases across the country. He has experience in diverse technologies such as agricultural equipment and digital agriculture technology, medical devices, radio-frequency identification, wireless communication, semiconductors, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals and mechanical devices.

He has represented clients at all levels, from trial court or administrative boards through appeals, including at the United States Supreme Court. He has argued in numerous courts of appeals, and has extensive experience in appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Nathan is frequently involved in or consulted about matters before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board and U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He worked as a patent examiner before and during law school.

Nathan is passionate about giving back through pro bono service, and he frequently represents his fellow veterans seeking benefits, including regularly handling appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and bringing attention to systemic legal issues affecting veterans.

Nathan is a veteran of the U.S. Army. During his military service, he served as appellate counsel in dozens of military criminal cases. In 2012–2013, Nathan volunteered for active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and served as a military prosecutor in Kuwait.

Representative Experience

Intellectual Property Trial Litigation

- Defended global leader in digital agriculture in a multi-patent case involving invalidity.
- Represented innovating manufacturer of fluid application equipment in defending against a patent infringement claim and asserting antitrust counterclaims.
- Represented global manufacturer of agricultural and industrial equipment as a plaintiff in a patent infringement litigation against two competitors in a two-week trial to determine infringement, validity, and damages.

- Represented beverage company in defensive and offensive patent-based ITC investigations relating to blow-molding plastic bottles and drink machines.
- Defended leading worldwide tolling systems provider in a multi-patent ITC action brought by a competitor.
- Represented drilling technology company in district court infringement action and ten inter partes review proceedings involving petroleum drill bit technology.
- Defended leading worldwide tolling systems provider in a multi-jurisdiction, multi-patent infringement action brought by competitor concerning patents alleged to be essential to the 6C/Gen2 RFID standard.
- Represented major electronics manufacturer in international arbitration concerning valuation of a portfolio of thousands of patents.
- Represented global oilfield services company in declaratory judgment action involving twelve of client's patents.
- Represented major electronics manufacturer in multiple ITC proceedings concerning wireless communication technologies.
- Represented major defense contractor in international arbitration with foreign competitor concerning intellectual property rights to sensitive defense technology.

Intellectual Property Appellate Litigation

- Appellate counsel for major pharmaceutical manufacturers in landmark case involving antibody technology in two Federal Circuit appeals and before the Supreme Court.
- Represented global semiconductor manufacturer in three separate appeals challenging decisions of Patent Trial and Appeal Board that had affirmed validity of patents asserted by patentee in litigation; argued one appeal.
- Appeal for global marine recreation company following a jury trial on willful infringement and enhanced damages, attorneys' fees, and a permanent injunction.
- Represented patentee in an appeal at Federal Circuit regarding patent invalidity.
- Represented patentee in an appeal to the Federal Circuit defending a jury verdict of willful infringement, including a nine-figure damages verdict and an ongoing royalty award.

Other Trial and Appellate Litigation

- Lead trial and appellate counsel representing six decorated Coast Guards veterans in class action challenging the government's forced retirement of them and hundreds of other senior enlisted personnel.
- Represented family on appeal challenging summary judgment order that had dismissed claims against state for negligent investigation that led to separation of family.
- Represented veteran challenging administrative board's refusal to correct service record; argued appeal.
- Represented generic drug manufacturer in class action raising antitrust claims based on settlement of patent case.

- Represented client in landmark appeal involving American with Disabilities Act and Due Process challenges to a state policy for forcible medication of involuntarily committed patients in state hospitals; argued appeal.
- Argued numerous other cases in courts of appeals on behalf of veterans and indigent defendants.

Education

- The George Washington University Law School (J.D. with Honors)
 - George Washington International Law Review
- Purdue University (B.S., Engineering)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Federal Circuit Bar Association
- PTAB Bar Association

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Legal 500 U.S. for Intellectual Property – Patent Litigation (International Trade Commission) (2020)

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Virginia

Court Admissions

- United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- United States Supreme Court