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Boyd Cloern

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Boyd Cloern is a patent litigator in our Washington D.C. office. He has a particular focus on the automotive industry where he has litigated patent cases involving fuel injection systems, engine combustion processes, tire pressure monitoring systems, infotainment systems, side impact systems, occupant sensing systems, four-wheel drive systems and accelerometers. Mr. Cloern has also litigated patent cases in the defense, telecommunications, consumer products, semiconductor, and medical devices industries involving sniper detection systems, call center routing, database architecture, video conferencing, consumer appliances, microprocessor architecture, semiconductor manufacturing processes, and medical devices. He also litigates trade secret and copyright disputes and counsels clients on patent, copyright, and licensing issues, including open source.

Representative Experience

Intellectual Property Litigation

- Representing automotive supplier in patent infringement litigation involving tire pressure monitoring systems as plaintiff in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and as defendant in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia.
- Representing financial services company in patent infringement litigation involving call center and video conference technology.
- Represented automotive manufacturing company in defense of patent litigation claims involving engine combustion processes and fuel injection systems filed in U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed all claims with prejudice and without payment following favorable claim construction.
- Represented consumer products company as plaintiff in a patent infringement case involving blender technology in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Achieved favorable settlement.
- Represented defense contractor in defense of patent infringement claims related to remote operating weapons station. Plaintiff voluntarily dismissed its claims without payment.
- Represented tobacco flavoring company and executives in defense of trade secrets, fraud and contract claims in U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. Achieved summary judgment on all counts.

- Represented over 25 automotive manufacturers and suppliers as industry joint defense counsel in a series of patent infringement actions involving side impact systems in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Achieved dismissal of all cases on summary judgment invalidating all asserted patents.
- Represented automotive supplier in patent infringement action involving accelerometer based sensor systems in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin. Plaintiff dismissed all claims without payment.
- Represented medical devices company in patent infringement actions involving surgical staplers in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. Achieved favorable settlement.
- Represented automotive supplier in defense of copyright infringement in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Achieved favorable settlement.

IP Counseling

- Advising financial institution on strategic patent portfolio creation and monetization and licensing programs.
- Advised software company on strategic development of IP portfolio.
- Advised on and developed open source policies for software and automotive companies.
- Advised on and developed copyright policies for automotive company.
- Advised on and developed patent policies and guidelines for software company.
- Advised on and conducted licensing negotiations for software and automotive companies.
- Advised tobacco and food flavoring company on trade secret and patent policies and strategies.

Pro Bono Activities

- Successfully defended client against murder charges in trial at federal parole board. Case featured on Discovery Channel for use of forensics and DNA evidence.
- Successfully represented pro bono clients in over 15 cases in connection with the D.C. Bar's Advocacy and Justice Clinic.

Court Admissions

- Admitted to practice in the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

Education

- Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, University of Kentucky College of Law (1998)
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Kentucky (1995)