Holland & Hart



PRACTICES

Patent Preparation, Prosecution, and Counseling
Intellectual Property Litigation
Intellectual Property

INDUSTRIES

Technology

EDUCATION

Santa Clara University, J.D., 2011
summa cum laude
Order of the Coif

Oregon State University, B.S., 2008
Electrical Engineering; Engineering
magna cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

Oregon
California

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

Daniel Keese

Partner

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Dan is a national patent litigator who guides technology companies through complex IP disputes with technical acumen, decisive strategy, and practical judgment.

Dan Keese represents technology companies from startups to global giants in complex patent disputes where technical nuance and business stakes intersect. Representing defendants and patent owners, he has served as trial counsel in federal courts located across the country, the US International Trade Commission, and before the PTAB. He translates complex technical issues into clear, well-informed guidance so business and legal teams can drive results.

Leveraging his background in electrical engineering and semiconductor experience, Dan works closely with technical teams to turn complex concepts into clear themes that resonate with decision makers. He handles disputes involving a wide range of technologies, including semiconductors, wireless and cellular systems, RFID, analog circuits, networking infrastructure, software-enabled platforms, and medical devices.

Clear decisions early can shape the entire trajectory of a patent matter. Clients rely on Dan's practical judgment to make early, informed decisions and build persuasive positions on claim construction, infringement, and validity. He aligns legal options with business priorities from pre-trial through trial and appeal, always looking for the details that can drive the best result for his clients.

In addition to patent disputes, he litigates trade secret and unfair competition claims and provides practical counseling on IP strategy.

Dan works remotely in Oregon.

EXPERIENCE

Technology Focus

- Semiconductor devices (including III-V semiconductors and components used in cellular infrastructure)
- Industry standards, including wireless and cellular standards and communications systems
- RFID systems and integrated circuits
- Video coding/encoding and related consumer electronics technologies
- Analog circuits and communications theory issues
- Networking, e-commerce, and software-enabled platforms
- Electronic design automation and hardware emulation

technologies
- Medical devices

Patent Litigation, ITC & PTAB

- Patent infringement and invalidity disputes in federal courts nationwide, including competitor matters and NPE litigation
- Section 337 investigations before the US International Trade Commission (ITC) involving high-technology products and import-related remedies
- Post-grant proceedings before the USPTO, including inter partes review (IPR) strategy, briefing, and coordination with related litigation
- Federal Circuit appeals, including coordinating trial record development with appellate strategy

Trade Secret & Unfair Competition

- Trade secret misappropriation and unfair competition claims in technology disputes, including matters running in parallel with patent litigation
- Counseling on protection of confidential information and litigation risk management in competitive markets

Litigation & Trial Skills

- Early case assessment, claim construction, and coordinated technical fact development
- Expert discovery (technical and damages), dispositive motion practice, and trial preparation
- Injunctive relief strategy, including preliminary injunction proceedings

CLIENT RESULTS

RFID Patent Infringement Case (US District Court for the Western District of Texas)
Served as trial counsel in patent litigation relating to radio-frequency identification (RFID) integrated circuits. Obtained jury verdict of defendant's infringement of three patents, and defeated counterclaims for infringement by competitor on three other patents. The dispute was successfully settled favorably for this client.

RFID Patent Infringement Case (US District Court for the Western District of Washington)
Served as counsel representing a publicly traded RFID IC company in a defense suit against a global-scale competitor in patent litigation relating to RFID integrated circuits. Ultimately resulted in summary judgment of noninfringement on five patents asserted against the client, defeat of two others in inter partes review proceedings, and a jury verdict of noninfringement on an eighth patent.

RFID Patent Infringement Case (US District Court for the Northern District of California)
Served as counsel for a publicly traded RFID IC company in patent assertion relating to RFID integrated circuits. Case resulted in a jury verdict of $18,500,000 for defendant's infringement of two patents, including a finding of willful infringement on one.

Sisvel v. Cradlepoint (US District Court for the District of Delaware; Patent Trial and Appeal Board)
Served as counsel for Cradlepoint in two related suits brought by Sisvel relating to alleged SEP cellular (2G, 3G, and LTE) technologies involving 21 total patents.

Served as counsel for Sierra Wireless, and previously for Cradlepoint, in inter partes review proceedings filed against the Sisvel patents, resulting in final written decisions at the PTAB knocking out more than ten Sisvel patents, upheld on appeal to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

Trimble Inc. v. PerDiemCo LLC (US District Courts for the Northern District of California, District of Columbia, and Eastern District of Texas; US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit)
Served as counsel for Trimble in a 15-patent dispute relating to geofencing and electronic tracking technologies, involving both declaratory judgment and extensive pre-answer motions, as well as a successful appeal before the Federal Circuit. Resolved successfully after remand from appeal.

MACOM Technology Solutions Holdings, Inc. et al., v. Infineon Technologies AG, et al. (US District Court for the Central District of California)
Counsel for MACOM in competitor breach of license and patent infringement case relating to GaN-on-Si RF semiconductor technologies for cellular base stations, including for 5G and LTE networks. Won preliminary injunction against Infineon, which was affirmed in main part on appeal. Case settled favorably.

Networking and Load Balancing Equipment Patent Litigation (US District Court for the Northern District of California)
Represented a public company in a patent litigation and jury trial relating to network packet routing. Obtained summary judgment of noninfringement on one of three patents, and favorable judgments on damages on other patents, all affirmed on appeal.

Emulation and EDA Patent Litigation (US District Court for the District of Oregon)
Part of a team that represented a large EDA company in a patent dispute against a large competitor through a jury trial regarding patents related to the hardware emulation segment of the Electronic Design Automation industry.

ITC Patent Infringement Case and companion District Court Case (International Trade Commission; US District Court for the District of Delaware)
Represented a large consumer electronics company and computer

component supplier against a former competitor in an ITC hearing and then a later district court case alleging infringement of patents relating to content protection technology for digital media transmitted between devices. Obtained a post-hearing finding of non-infringement at the ITC, and summary judgment of invalidity in the later Delaware case (a decision that is currently on appeal).

Defense of Digital Music Patent Infringement Claims*
Represented a large consumer electronics company against a former practicing entity in a patent infringement action related to electronic sale and transmission of digital music and video.

ITC Patent Infringement Case*
Represented a large consumer electronics company against a competitor in an ITC hearing alleging infringement of patents related to video encoding and wireless technology.

Web Server Technology Patent Claim from NPE*
Represented a large consumer electronics company against a non-practicing entity in the US District Court for the Central District of California in a patent infringement action related to embedded web server technology.

PUBLICATIONS

"Aftershocks From The AIA: A Seismic Shift In Patent Law?," *Law360*, March 26, 2012

RECOGNITION

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*, Litigation – Patent and Patent Law, 2021–2025
- *Super Lawyers*, Oregon Rising Star, 2015–2025

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Oregon State Bar, Intellectual Property Section, Executive Committee, 2024-2026