

To create our list of leading intellectual property litigation practices in the San Francisco Bay Area, we asked law firms to submit nominations, including up to five key players and some of their

recent notable results. *Recorder* editors also surveyed lawyers knowledgeable about intellectual property litigation for their confidential assessments and suggestions of practices that ought to be included in a go-to list.

COOLEY



Stephen Neal (pictured), Michael Rhodes, Thomas Friel, Heidi Keefe, Ronald Lemieux

From helping a social-networking site avoid millions of dollars in damages through litigation, to securing a settlement in excess of a billion dollars for NVIDIA, Cooley delivers results. Clients range from startups to Fortune 500 companies, each receiving the benefit of business-focused approach to developing tailored litigation strategies.

DURIE TANGRI



Daralyn Durie (pictured), Michael Page, Clement Roberts, Ryan Kent, Joseph Gratz

Founded three years ago, the 16-lawyer litigation boutique boasts a track record of success in patent, copyright and privacy cases. For example, the firm has won summary judgment in multiple patent cases, which has resulted in outright dismissals or favorable settlements. The firm's lawyers also have extensive experience in groundbreaking copyright cases and have played key roles in many of the defining cases of the past 10 years. Currently, the firm represents Google in its defense of a class action involving copyright claims brought by authors against Google Books. Durie Tangri is also at the forefront of many of today's cutting-edge Internet privacy cases.

FARELLA BRAUN & MARTEL



Stephanie Skaff (pictured), John Cooper, Jeffrey Fisher, James Morando, Roderick Thompson

Farella has a broad intellectual property litigation practice ranging from complex patent disputes, to antitrust and technology licensing, and much of everything in between. Its clients likewise span the spectrum of emerging companies to those well-established in their respective industries. The firm's commitment to efficient case resolution has resulted in major wins for clients on summary judgment and even in a rare motion to dismiss in the Eastern District of Texas on behalf of Dell.

JONES DAY



Gregory Lanier (pictured), Gregory Lippetz, Behrooz Shariati, Patrick Michael, Jane Froyd

Patent litigation is the largest share of the firm's IP practice, comprising seasoned attorneys with first-chair trial experience. They recently overturned a damages award in excess of \$1 billion against its client, and has obtained favorable settlements for some of the major technology players in California. In addition to its robust practice, Jones Day lawyers give back to the legal community through Women in IP, an ongoing series of CLE and networking programs developed in 2009 by a group of associates to create and grow a community of women among in-house counsel who share a common interest in IP and related fields.

KEKER & VAN NEST



Robert Van Nest (pictured), Jeffrey Chanin, Elliot Peters

The firm took the lead in defending Google at trial on copyright and patent infringement claims brought by Oracle, and prevailed on the pivotal questions submitted to the judge and jury. KVN helps clients deal with IP disputes of every type — patents, trade secrets, copyrights and trademarks, and has litigated and tried cases involving technical fields ranging from telecom to biotech, from semiconductors to pharmaceuticals, and from cellular to medical devices.

K&L GATES



Michael Bettinger (pictured), Stephen Everett, Shane Brun, Elaine Chow, Rachel Davidson

The firm's lawyers are experienced in many forums, including the Federal Circuit, International Trade Commission procedures, preliminary and permanent injunction practice, and bench and jury trials. K&L Gates handles every scale of litigation, from large, complex multijurisdiction matters and bet-your-company confrontations between industry leaders, to litigation involving nonpracticing entities, to modest license dispute and piracy matters. In 2011, it successfully defended Kodak against an infringement action filed by Apple before the FTC.

LATHAM & WATKINS



Ronald Shulman (pictured), Julie Holloway, Richard Frenkel, Steven Bauer, James Lynch

Latham's Bay Area IP practice includes 39 attorneys in the firm's San Francisco and Silicon Valley offices. The group handles all types of intellectual property claims, often in combination with related claims, as it did with its successful defense of Marvell Semiconductor in a trade secret theft case brought by Jasmine Networks and tried in 2010. The firm's IP clients range from Fortune 100 to emerging companies spanning a broad range of industries. The Bay Area group has built a market-leading practice, particularly in technology industry-focused patent litigation. Several attorneys are experts in investigation before the ITC, which has become an increasingly important venue for patent litigation.

MORRISON & FOERSTER



Michael Jacobs (pictured), Karl Kramer, Rachel Krevans, Harold McElhinny, Bryan Wilson

From the appellate victory in *SCO Group v. Novell*, a win for the entire open-source software community, to saving Novell up to \$200 million and marking the demise of SCO's controversial efforts to extract licensing fees from open-source Linux users, MoFo's IP litigators are engaged in the seminal tech disputes of our era — large, market-changing, precedent-setting cases between the titans of the industry. Additional successes include victories at the Federal Circuit for the likes of Capital One, International Game Technology, Link_A Media Devices, the Motion Picture Association of America, Bayer and EchoStar. MoFo also represents Siemens subsidiary, Osram, in a struggle with Samsung for control over LEDs, a \$15 billion market for a cooler, lower-energy light source.

McDERMOTT WILL & EMERY



Terrence McMahon (pictured), David Dolkas, Yar Chaikovsky, Fabio Marino, David Larson

McDermott's team of more than 200 IP lawyers and patent agents provides an unparalleled depth and breadth of experience — more than 150 have technical or advanced degrees, and more than 100 are registered before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. As one example of the firm's successes, in 2011, McDermott's attorneys successfully defended Yahoo before a jury in the Eastern District of Texas against allegations of infringement.

O'MELVENY AND MYERS



Darin Snyder (pictured), George Riley, David Eberhart, Kenneth Nissly, Susan van Keulen

The firm's attorneys have broad expertise and handle a wide variety of intellectual property matters, including patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, Internet and technology law issues. O'Melveny's lawyers successfully defended its client in a suit against Rambus, avoiding billions of dollars in damages. They have likewise succeeded at the Ninth Circuit on behalf of a Silicon Valley giant, creating new guidance regarding the doctrine of copyright misuse.

PAUL HASTINGS



Jeffrey Randall (pictured), Michael Hendershot, Brian Ankenbrandt

Representing industry leaders as well as emerging companies across several industries, the firm repeatedly delivers results. Engaged months before trial in 2011, Paul Hastings attorneys obtained a full defense victory for its client in the Eastern District of Texas. The firm is not afraid to take a case to trial, with several recent big wins to its credit, but also looks to efficiently dispose of litigation where appropriate.

QUINN EMANUEL URQUHART & SULLIVAN



Charles Verhoeven (pictured), Claude Stern, Victoria Maroulis, Sean Pak, Kevin Johnson

Peers and clients alike deem the firm as having top trial and intellectual property lawyers. Quinn Emanuel represents Google and makers of Android devices in a series of patent infringement cases brought by Apple in venues around the world. It was also recently tapped by Yahoo to sue Facebook for patent infringement.