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Christopher Wiener is a trial lawyer focusing on commercial litigation and complex technology disputes. He has extensive experience counseling companies on pre-litigation risks, due diligence, intellectual property valuation, and damages modeling, and has successfully represented clients at every stage of litigation through trial.

Focused on the intersection of technology and commercial litigation, Christopher has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in matters spanning a range of technologies, including smartphones, computer virtualization, headphones, surgical devices, semiconductors, water filtration, and computer-aided design. He has litigated and tried complex commercial litigation matters for clients in a variety of disputes including technology licensing, consumer product development, and real estate. He also has deep experience with all forms of intellectual property, including patent, copyright, trademark, trade dress litigation.

Christopher maintains an active pro bono practice. He represented California school children in a landmark education case brought under the California Constitution that seeks to vindicate the rights of all students to access literacy, no matter their zip code. In February 2014, he secured a favorable mid-trial settlement for a California inmate who sustained injuries due to the use of excessive force while incarcerated.

Prior to joining Coblentz, Christopher was an associate at Morrison & Foerster LLP in San Francisco.

Christopher earned his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where he graduated summa cum laude. While at Hastings, he was a senior articles editor for the Hastings Law Journal and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He earned his B.A., magna cum laude, from Boston University.

Honors & Awards

Christopher was named as a 2022 Best Lawyers “Ones to Watch” for Intellectual Property Litigation.

Professional Activities

Christopher is a member of the State Bar of California and the Association of Business Trial Lawyers, and he was named as a 2020 Best Lawyers “Ones to Watch” for Intellectual Property Litigation. He is admitted to practice before the Northern, Eastern, and Central Districts of California, the Eastern District of Texas, and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- “Trademark Parody vs. Copyright Parody,” PLI Intellectual Property Law Institute 2021 (October 19, 2021)
- “U.S. Supreme Court Rejects Willfulness Requirement for Trademark Infringement Profits,” (April 28, 2020)

Education

J.D., summa cum laude University of California, Hastings College of the Law (2011)

B.A., magna cum laude Boston University (2008)