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PARTNER

Bill Kolegraff, a litigation partner with the Irvine office, is also a seasoned patent attorney registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and a former business executive who managed a sizable intellectual property portfolio for many years. Mr. Kolegraff's litigation skills are informed by his extensive patent licensing, negotiation, and business experience.

Prior to joining Thomas Whitelaw, Mr. Kolegraff was Chief IP Counsel for Kyocera Wireless, a \$1.4B wireless handset company. In that capacity, he directed all of Kyocera's patent litigation, which included litigation against Fortune 100 companies, non-practicing "trolls," and individual inventors. As a member of Kyocera's executive committee, Mr. Kolegraff advised senior executives on all aspects of intellectual property matters.

Mr. Kolegraff's practice spans a broad range of technologies, including wireless communication hardware and protocols for CDMA, GSM, Bluetooth, Zigbee, 802.1x, and RFID. He also has considerable experience in video, audio, and speech compression and encryption, as well as antenna and optical disc constructions.

Before joining Thomas Whitelaw, Mr. Kolegraff practiced as a patent litigator and patent prosecutor at Lyon & Lyon LLP and Baker & McKenzie.

Representative Cases

PATENT LITIGATION

- *Illinois Tool Works, Inc. v. MOC Products Company* (S.D. Cal.): Represent Illinois Tool Works in a patent infringement action involving machines for servicing automotive transmission systems and intake systems.
- *On The Go v. AT&T* (N.D. Ill.): Lead trial lawyer defending Cricket Communications against claims of patent infringement and prosecuting claims of patent invalidity and unenforceability involving handset-enabled electronic commerce.

- *WiAV v. Motorola* (E.D. Va.): Represent the patent-owner Mindspeed Technologies, Inc., against claims of invalidity and unenforceability for eight of its patents related to speech coder technology.
- *WiAV v. Research in Motion, et al.* (E.D. Va.): Represented the patent owner, Mindspeed Technologies, Inc., in a patent infringement lawsuit involving patents related to speech coder technology for use in wireless handsets.
- *MEC v. Mindspeed, Inc.* (C.D. Cal.): Defended Mindspeed Technologies, Inc. in a patent infringement action involving ARM's pipelined processor technology.
- *EBS Automotive Services, et al. v. Illinois Tool Works, Inc. et al.* (S.D. Cal.): Defend Illinois Tool Works in a patent infringement action involving an automated system and methods for flushing and refilling automotive braking systems.
- *WiAV Solutions LLC v. Kyocera Corp., et al.* (E.D. Va.): Represent the patent owner, Mindspeed, Inc., in a patent infringement lawsuit involving speech coder technology.
- *Nortel Networks Ltd., et al. v. Kyocera Wireless* (N.D. Tex.): Directed multi-patent case in CDMA communication technology and power control.
- *Kyocera Wireless v. MLR LLC, et al.* (S.D. Cal.): Directed strategic response to a patent assertion by a non-practicing entity related to handheld wireless devices.
- *Compression Labs Incorporated v. Adobe Systems Incorporated, et al.* (E.D. Tex.): Managed negotiations and defensive strategy regarding a patent assertion in compression technologies.
- *Duhn Oil Tool v. Cooper Cameron* (C.D. Cal.): Represent plaintiff in a patent case regarding oil tool technology.

Admissions

State Bar of California
 United States District Courts
 All California District Courts
 Eastern District of Virginia
 Court of Appeals for the Ninth and Federal Circuits

Education

Mr. Kolegraff received his JD from the University of San Diego Law School (Order of the Coif, member 1996, and *Law Review*). He received a BS in electrical engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, graduating *magna cum laude*, with an emphasis in digital design and software development.