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OVERVIEW

Dustin focuses his practice on patent litigation across high-tech sectors, including semiconductors, optics, and emerging green technologies. He has successfully represented clients in a variety of forums including district courts, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and the International Trade Commission, where he has leveraged his strong technical background to help achieve favorable outcomes.

Dustin's experience is concentrated in the technical aspects of patent litigation, including validity, infringement, and technical Domestic Industry (DI) determinations and strategies. His ability to dissect complex technical details and translate them into effective legal strategies is a key asset in navigating the intricacies of intellectual property disputes.

Dustin's technical knowledge is rooted in a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University, which he draws from to effectively navigate complex technological issues and develop strategic litigation approaches tailored to each client's needs.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented complainant in Section 337 ITC investigation involving semiconductor design.
- Represented plaintiff in District Court and PTAB proceedings against multiple defendants regarding infringement of patents related to three-dimensional intraoral scanning technology.
- Represented patent owner in PTAB proceedings concerning LED technology for photography and videography.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Intellectual Property
- Patent Litigation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Judicial extern, New Hampshire Supreme Court, 2020

- Intellectual Property co-op, ClearMotion Inc., 2018-2019
- Consumer Protection intern, New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, 2017-2018

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law, J.D., 2020, managing editor, *IDEA: The Law Review of the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property*
- Carnegie Mellon University, B.S., 2017, mechanical engineering

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Hampshire
- Massachusetts

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Navigating IP Risks in Emerging Clean Energy Technologies," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, July 21, 2025.
- Co-author, "'Obvious Over What?' LKQ's En Banc Petition Threatens to Turn Test for Design Patent Obviousness on its Head," *IPWatchdog*, May 16, 2023.
- Co-author, "Federal Circuit Signals Appetite for Increased PTAB Discretion in Motions to Amend," *IPWatchdog*, April 26, 2022.
- Co-author, "The Power of Process Patents at the International Trade Commission," *Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal*, April 2022.
- Co-author, "Federal Circuit Further Defines the Scope of Patent Venue," *IPWatchdog*, March 14, 2022.
- Co-author, "Energy Demand Response Programs and Patent Exposure," *IPWatchdog*, March 8, 2022. Republished in *IP Litigator*, Volume 19 Number 1, January/February 2023.
- Co-author, "Litigation Redesigns at the ITC," *IP Strategist*, March 2022.
- Co-author, "How the Pandemic Is Shaping Patent Trials in District Courts," *Law360*, February 18, 2021.
- Author, "Transforming the Pile of Junk: A Model for Cross Competitive Negative Knowledge Sharing," *60 IDEA*, 2020.
- Author, "Portfolio Licensing and the Domestic Industry Requirement: An Analysis of the Domestic Industry Requirement Since Certain Multimedia Displays and Navigation Devices," *ITC Trial Lawyers Association 337 Reporter (2019 Summer Associate Edition)*, 2019.