

## Christopher Hohn

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- **Industries**

- Banking & Financial Services
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- Intellectual Property
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## Overview

Christopher Hohn is a litigator focusing on complex commercial and intellectual property litigation. He regularly counsels and represents clients in disputes involving patent, trade secret, copyright, unfair competition, business tort, and contract claims, among others.

Chris is experienced in all stages of litigation, from pleadings, discovery and motion practice, to trial and appeals. He is also well-versed in a wide variety of e-discovery issues, from managing large-scale preservation, collection and document review efforts, to defending against potentially case-dispositive spoliation motions, to using forensic analysis to help prove the theft of intellectual property.

"Your ability to grasp the technical aspects, along with your legal guidance and your attention to detail made an otherwise disturbing experience a gratifying success."

- John Terranova, TNG/Allied Mechanical Wisconsin

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Drawing on his experience as an engineer, Chris thrives in cases concerning highly technical subject matter. Since joining Hopkins & Carley, he has worked with such diverse technologies as:

- Mining equipment
- Automotive air intake systems
- Flash memory
- Semiconductor inspection equipment
- Methods for offloading cellular data traffic
- System-on-chip integrated circuits
- Electronic financial transactions
- Cast ductile iron bomb bodies
- Satellite internet RFICs

Prior to law school, Chris worked as an engineer in the energy, aerospace and semiconductor industries.

## Experience

- Successfully represented two semiconductor companies and three of their engineers in an action brought by a competitor seeking more than \$100 million for alleged breach of non-solicitation covenants and other claims, resulting in a favorable settlement.
- Represented developers of financial transaction software in a dispute with a former business partner involving claims of trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty. Obtained terminating sanctions against the opposition, resulting in a complete dismissal of their case and an award of approximately \$1 million in fees and costs for the client. Successfully defended the judgment on appeal.
- Represented a software manufacturer in a lawsuit involving claims of copyright infringement, trade secret misappropriation and breach of contract, among others. Won a motion for partial judgment that ultimately led to a negotiated final judgment awarding monetary, declaratory and injunctive relief in favor of the client.
- Successfully represented a military equipment manufacturer in a dispute with a component supplier involving contract and fraud claims, resulting in a favorable settlement. Subsequently represented the manufacturer in a claim against the Federal Government for termination of the prime contract.
- Successfully represented an original design manufacturer of computers and other devices in a complex patent licensing dispute, resulting in a favorable settlement.
- Won a motion to dismiss claims of false advertising and false patent marking asserted against the client, a consumer electronics producer, thereby resolving the case.
- Successfully negotiated license agreements to resolve a patent infringement dispute and avoid litigation between firearm

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component manufacturers.

- Defended producer of semiconductor testing equipment in patent infringement litigation with a competitor, resulting in a favorable settlement.

## Insights

Publications:

- *Ensure You're Using Federal Trade Secrets Laws to Your Advantage*, Daily Journal (2017)
- *U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Apple v. Samsung Helps Clarify Damages Recoverable for Infringement of Design Patents*, Hopkins & Carley Legal Update (2017)

Speaking Engagements:

- *Why it All Matters: Patent Litigation and How it Affects Patent Prosecution Strategies*, Guest Lecture for Patent Law Course at Lincoln Law School of San Jose (2017)
- *Legal Issues in Open Source Software*, Moderator for Santa Clara County Bar Association Seminar (2016)

Quoted in:

- Peter Strozniak, *Competitive Rift Divides Credit Unions*, Credit Union Times (2017)

## Professional Activities

- Santa Clara County Bar Association, High Technology Section, Board Member
- William A. Ingram Inn of Court, Member
- Pacific Collegiate School Mock Trial Team, Coach
- Youth Science Institute, Los Gatos, Former Board Member

## Bar Admissions

- State Bar of California (2010)
- USPTO Registration (2018)

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## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

## Education

- J.D., University of California, Los Angeles
- B.A., Mechanical Engineering, University of California, San Diego