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CO-CHAIR, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LITIGATION PRACTICE GROUP

Domingo M. Llagostera is the co-chair of the Intellectual Property Litigation group at Blank Rome and a lead trial lawyer who concentrates his practice on patent and trade secret litigation from filing through appeal. Domingo practices IP litigation in a wide variety of technical fields, including complex oil and gas, semiconductor, software and hardware, pharmaceutical, medical, and mechanical technologies. Domingo has effectively represented all of these technology areas in litigation, including in several trials.

First and foremost, Domingo has a passion for both enforcing and defending company innovations. He has represented both plaintiffs and defendants through all phases of patent and trade secret litigation in federal court from coast to coast. Domingo develops close and trusted relationships with his clients, providing business advice, and cost-effective strategic solutions related to all things IP. He also counsels clients in pre-suit advocacy and early resolution strategies so that his clients avoid the high costs of litigation, including using defensive strategies such as *inter partes* review before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

In addition to adversarial work, Domingo is also active in a wide range of intellectual property investigative and transactional work, including: IP consulting, IP opinions, IP landscape evaluations, pre-suit competitor investigations, IP transactions, and patent prosecution.

A prior life on the road as a rock musician has given Domingo great insight and empathy for those who create and develop what is new and unique. He is passionate about protecting some of the most valuable company assets, intellectual

property.

Select Engagements

- Lead trial counsel for Plaintiff in ITC patent and trademark infringement action involving medicinal transfer products (ITC, 2023). ALJ finding violation of importation act in favor of client.
- Litigation counsel for Defendant in patent infringement action involving kitchen appliances (W.D. Tex, 2023). Case transferred to Iowa and Plaintiff sanctioned for maintaining lawsuit, in favor of client.
- Co-lead Trial counsel for defendant in patent infringement action involving downhole setting tools (W.D. Tex., 2023). Pending appeal to Federal Circuit.
- Co-lead Trial Counsel for Plaintiff in patent infringement action involving downhole casing tools (W.D. Tex, Jan. 2022). Jury verdict in favor of client.
- Co-lead Trial Counsel for Plaintiff in patent infringement action involving downhole casing tools (W.D. Tex, Dec. 2022). Jury verdict in favor of client.
- Litigation counsel for Defendant in patent infringement action involving can coatings (W.D. Pa. 2022). Jury verdict invalidating all patents in favor of client.
- Trial counsel for Defendant in patent infringement action involving home office software applications (N.D. Cal., 2018). Jury verdict finding in favor of client.
- Trial counsel for Defendant in patent infringement action involving motorized winch technology (S.D. N.Y., 2018). Represented Defendant in appeal to Federal Circuit, which reversed the jury verdict and granted Judgment as a Matter of Law in favor of client.

Admissions

- U.S. District Court - Northern District of Texas
- Texas
- U.S. District Court - Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court - Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court - Western District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court - Western District of Texas
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Memberships

- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Intellectual Property Law Association

Education

- Trinity University, BS
- University of Houston Law Center, JD, cum laude

Recognitions

- 2024, Patent Law, Houston, TX, listed in *Best Lawyers in America*© (Woodward/White, Inc.)
- 2022–2024, "Top 500 Leading Litigators in America," listed in *Lawdragon*
- 2022–2023, *IAM Patent 1000*

Languages

- Spanish