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Mr. Harkins is the Firm's Managing Partner, residing in the San Francisco Bay Area office, where he is a trial lawyer focusing on intellectual property disputes, including patent, trade secret, copyright, and trademark litigation, as well as mission critical and bet-the-company business litigation.

Mr. Harkins has handled a variety of subject matters in intellectual property disputes, licensing, and counseling, with a particular focus on computer hardware, software, system design, computer networks, telecommunications, broadcasting and Internet-related technologies, as well as medical devices and industrial and mechanical design.

In addition to 30 years of private practice experience, Mr. Harkins has previously served as director of Intellectual Property and Litigation for a Silicon Valley semiconductor company with offices throughout Asia and in the U.S.

Mr. Harkins has been recognized as a top-rated intellectual property litigation attorney by Super Lawyers, a "patent star" by IP Stars, and an IAM Patent 1000 attorney by Intellectual Property Management. He manages the office featured in the Chambers publication "Spotlight on California 2025."

PRACTICES:

Patent Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation (trade secret, copyright, trademark), PTAB & ITC Litigation, TTAB proceedings, Commercial and Complex Litigation, Trials and Appeals

STATE BAR ADMISSION:

California

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. Supreme Court
Federal Circuit
Ninth Circuit
Third Circuit
Federal District Courts
Northern District of California
Central District of California
Eastern District of California
Southern District of California
District of Colorado
Eastern District of Texas
Western District of Texas

EDUCATION:

University of California, Davis School of Law, J.D.
University of California, Berkeley, B.A.
National University, M.S., Electronic Commerce (with distinction)

RECOGNITION:

Super Lawyers
IP Stars
IAM Patent 1000
Chambers "Spotlight on California 2025"



REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Lead trial counsel for the plaintiff, a Chinese video processing and editing software company, in a trade secret and copyright case against the world's leading short-form video and social media app in the Western District of Texas and the Northern District of California. After making a claim for more than \$800 million in damages, obtaining partial summary judgment in the client's favor, and defeating the defense challenges to the experts, the case settled shortly before trial.

Successfully prosecuted litigation and licensing campaign as lead trial counsel for a US digital imaging technology company and solo inventor regarding automatic digital image correction technology. Led seven lawsuits in the Eastern District of Texas against many of the world's largest digital camera companies located in Japan and South Korea. All cases settled prior to trial on terms favorable to the client, and the client's technology is now licensed throughout the industry.

As lead trial counsel for Israel-based computer network and data intelligence company in competitive lawsuits. Won a multimillion-dollar jury verdict of willful patent infringement against a Lithuanian competitor in Eastern District of Texas.

Lead trial counsel for Taiwanese inventor and manufacturer of air mattresses in patent lawsuits in the Eastern District of Texas and Eastern District of Virginia. Reached favorable pre-trial settlement against one of the world's largest retailers and won a related arbitration on related claims. Successfully litigated a case a well-known outdoor recreation brand company and settled just prior to trial.

As lead trial counsel representing a large Chinese information technology company in challenged trademark before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, obtained favorable ruling dismissing case in TTAB resulting in grant of trademark to client.

Obtained complete defense verdict and judgment after bench trial for trustee in California Superior Court in Alameda County against claims of conversion and fraudulent transfers.

As lead trial counsel for multiple cloud calling solution providers, obtained transfer of a patent case from the Eastern District of Texas to the Northern District of California and succeeded in obtaining claim construction ruling to support summary judgment of non-infringement, leading to new settlement agreement on very favorable terms to the clients.

Lead trial counsel for industrial caster and wheel manufacturer, defending against claims of patent infringement, unfair competition, and tortious interference in a case in the Eastern District of California. Obtained dismissal of all claims with prejudice and without payment.

Counsel for a large ride-hailing company based in China, pursuing claims including trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract, unfair business practices, conversion, and breach of fiduciary duty in the Northern District of California against former employees and newly formed competitor.

As trial counsel defending one of the nation's largest telecommunications companies and a major consumer technology company against a patent infringement lawsuit regarding wireless speaker technology in the Eastern District of Texas, developed prior art and on sale bar defenses that were devastating to the plaintiff's case, leading to early settlement of all claims on terms very favorable to the clients.

Obtained no-cost settlement for laser-related company in defense against patent infringement suit in the Northern District of California.

Lead counsel for two major cell phone service providers in patent infringement suits in Delaware. Obtained favorable judgment that was affirmed on appeal before the Federal Circuit.

Took over the defense of a laboratory centrifuge manufacturer in patent litigation in the Northern District of California after the district court held the case settled and ordered the client to pay a settlement. Obtained a stay of order by the Federal Circuit and had prior ruling vacated, then obtained summary judgment of noninfringement, affirmed on appeal.