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Litigation

James W. Dabney is a litigation partner and head of the Firm's Intellectual Property and Technology practice group. He has successfully handled jury and non-jury trials; arbitrations; preliminary injunction proceedings; PTO administrative proceedings, and appeals involving patents, trademarks, and other intellectual property rights.

Mr. Dabney is also an Adjunct Professor at Cornell Law School. Prior to joining Fried Frank, Mr. Dabney was a Partner in Pennie & Edmonds LLP between 1989 and 2003.

Mr. Dabney's litigation career highlights include:

- *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 550 U.S. 398 (2007) (arguing counsel for the prevailing defendant/petitioner in the Supreme Court and in both lower courts; winning reversal of Federal Circuit and judgment of patent invalidity).
- *Holmes Group Inc. v. Vornado Air Circulation Sys., Inc.*, 535 U.S. 826 (2002) (arguing counsel for the prevailing plaintiff/petitioner in the Supreme Court and in both lower courts; winning reversal of Federal Circuit judgment and eventual reinstatement of summary judgment of trade dress invalidity).
- *Rosenruist-Gestao e Servicos LDA v. Virgin Enters. Ltd.*, 511 F.3d 437 (4th Cir. 2007), *cert. denied*, 553 U.S. 1065 (2008) (counsel for prevailing defendant/respondent in the Supreme Court and both lower courts; winning reversal of trial court decision interpreting 35 U.S.C. § 24 and eventual judgment sustaining opposition to registration).
- *Pregis Corp. v. Doll and Free-Flow Packaging Int'l, Inc.*, No. 1:09CV467 (E.D. Va. Apr. 27, 2010) (won patent jury trial; all 23 asserted claims held invalid for obviousness, not infringed, or both).
- *eSpeed, Inc. v. BrokerTec USA, LLC*; 404 F. Supp. 2d 575 (D. Del. 2005), *aff'd*, 480 F.3d 1129 (Fed. Cir. 2007) (won patent jury trial; all 4 asserted claims held invalid for insufficient written description).

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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation
Intellectual Property and Technology
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EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, JD – 1979
Magna cum laude
Order of the Coif
Board of Editors, Cornell Law Review

Harvard College, AB – 1976
Magna cum laude

Mr. Dabney was appointed to the faculty of Cornell Law School in 2011 and teaches an advanced patent law seminar there. Mr. Dabney has also lectured on patent law to professional audiences throughout the United States and in Europe including three invited lectures to European Patent Office examiners and directors in The Hague (2006, 2010) and in Munich (2007).

Honors & Awards

Mr. Dabney was elected to membership in the American Law Institute at the age of 38. He holds an AV Preeminent 5 out of 5 ranking in *Martindale-Hubbell*. He is recognized in *U.S. News/Best Lawyers* as a leading individual in the field of intellectual property law; he is recognized in *Chambers USA* as a leading individual in the field of patent law; he is recognized in *Benchmark: Litigation* as a New York Litigation Star; and he is recognized in *SuperLawyers* as a leading individual in the fields of intellectual property litigation and business litigation.

Professional Associations

Member, American Law Institute

Member, American Bar Association (Sections of Antitrust Law, Business Law, Litigation, and Intellectual Property Law)

Member, New York State Bar Association (Section of Intellectual Property Law)

Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association

Member, Copyright Society of the USA

Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Panelist, World Intellectual Property Organization

Clerkships

Mr. Dabney served as a law clerk to the Hon. James C. Hill, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Atlanta, Georgia.

Bar Admissions/Licensed Jurisdictions

New York; New Jersey; Supreme Court of the United States; numerous Circuit and Federal District courts throughout the country