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OVERVIEW

Jeffrey Johnson is a practice area leader for the firm's global Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice. He is a trial lawyer focusing on intellectual property and other types of high stakes complex litigation. Jeffrey has successfully tried cases to verdict in both state and federal courts on behalf of some of the largest corporations in the world. Jeffrey is particularly experienced in trade secret litigation. He has handled well over a hundred trade secret matters, with appearances before state and federal courts throughout the United States and before the International Trade Commission. These cases pit Jeffrey and his teams against formidable opponents throughout the country. US and international clients turn to Jeffrey for his proven record, innovative strategies, and commitment to his clients.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] in Seattle, WA
 - Commercial Litigation, 2024-2026
 - Litigation - Intellectual Property, 2026
- Listed as an "IP Star" in *Managing IP*, 2020
- Named to the Washington Super Lawyers list, 2004, 2007, 2009-2011
- Named to the Washington Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, 2004

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Participant (by invitation) in Microsoft's Advocacy Academy 1.0 and 2.0
- ABA Sections of Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation
- Trade Secrets subcommittee of ABA Section of Litigation; Co-Chair Standing Subcommittee on Public Policy and Outreach

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 1993 (*with honors, Order of the Coif*)
- B.A., Gonzaga University, 1990 (*cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Washington
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Hawaii
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington

NEWS & EVENTS

- 3 October 2025, K&L Gates' Global IP Practice, Lawyers Earn Rankings in Managing IP's 2025 "IP Stars"
- 31 July 2025, K&L Gates Announces New Practice Leaders Across Global Platform
- 7 October 2024, K&L Gates' Intellectual Property Practice, Lawyers Recognized in 2024 *Managing IP* Magazine's "IP Stars"
- 23 October 2023, K&L Gates' Intellectual Property Practice, Lawyers Recognized in 2023 *Managing IP* Magazine's "IP Stars"
- 6 October 2022, K&L Gates Recognized in 2022 *Managing IP* Magazine's 'IP Stars'
- 3 June 2021, K&L Gates Lawyers Ranked as 2021 'IP Stars' by Managing IP Magazine
- 29 June 2020, K&L Gates, Lawyers Ranked as Trademark and Patent 'IP Stars' by *Managing IP Magazine*
- 21 August 2018, K&L Gates Scores Win for Qingdao Yunlu in ITC Trade Secret Case

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- IP Litigation
- Trade Secrets Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Electronics
- Consumer Goods and Services
- Life Sciences

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- (US District Court, Eastern District of Washington) Lead counsel for Montrose in trade secret claims against competitor brought under Defend Trade Secret Act. Obtained preliminary and permanent injunctions and favorable settlement prohibiting unfair use and obtaining return of misappropriated trade secrets.
- (King County Superior Court) Lead trial counsel for Amazon in claim alleging misappropriation of trade secrets and conversion of invention. Case resolved four months prior to trial following filing of summary judgment motion.
- (King County Superior Court). Lead trial counsel for Amazon in litigation against start-up cloud computing company comprised primarily of former Amazon employees.
- (Western District of Washington). Successfully obtained dismissal of patent infringement and false advertising claims related to nutritional supplements.
- (Central District of California. Co-lead counsel for defendant in Lanham Act claim asserting trade dress and false designation of origin claims
- (International Trade Commission) Lead counsel with respect to defense of trade secret claims brought by Complainant in ITC against Chinese client. Obtained voluntary dismissal of claims after demonstrating lack of any misappropriation.
- (US District Court of New Jersey) Co-lead counsel for plaintiffs in Lanham Act false advertising case based on failure to properly identify marketing and sale of unapproved prescription drugs.
- (US District Court, Western District of Washington) Lead counsel for defendants in Lanham Act false endorsement and Washington publicity rights case involving claim that defendants improperly used a famous athlete's name for a running shoe product. Obtained summary judgment on behalf of all defendants after development of extensive expert and survey evidence.
- Lead trial counsel for current owners of HK Systems/Endura/Irista ERP software in several software copyright infringement suits.
- (San Francisco Superior Court). Successfully resolved cross-claims against plaintiff for trademark infringement and trade secret misappropriation.
- (King County Superior Court). Successful defense and resolution of start-up company in trade secret misappropriation litigation.

- (King County Superior Court) Lead counsel for defendant in trade secret claim alleging that defendant misappropriated software and breached license agreement with plaintiff. Brought counterclaims for bad faith assertion of trade secret misappropriation leading to successful settlement.
- (US District Court, Southern District of Indiana) Co-lead counsel for Amazon in case seeking injunctive relief and monetary damages in case involving trade secret, Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and Stored Communications Act claims.
- (Southern District of New York). Successful defense and resolution of copyright infringement claims against defendant.
- (King County Superior Court). Lead counsel for Microsoft in Lanham Act claim brought against group of defendants.
- (King County Superior Court). Led team representing Microsoft in litigation against Google and Dr. Lee. Successfully argued motion for Temporary Restraining Order and prevailed in mini-trial obtaining Preliminary Injunction prohibiting Google and Dr. Lee from misappropriating Microsoft trade secrets or otherwise violating Dr. Lee's non-competition agreement.
- (Santa Clara County Superior Court) Lead trial counsel for Placeware in litigation against several former employees for misappropriation of trade secrets. Obtained permanent injunctive relief as well as other relief against each former employee.
- (US District Court, Northern District of California) Co-lead counsel for defendants in multi-million dollar trade secret litigation case. Took deposition of key liability expert, which led to successful removal to federal court weeks before a state court trial. Federal court granted summary judgment on all claims in favor of client.
- (Alameda County Superior Court) Led team defending TSMC against counterclaims brought by SMIC in billion dollar trade secret litigation involving microprocessor manufacturing
- (US District Court, Middle District of Florida) Co-lead counsel for defendants in claim of trade secret misappropriation and trespass related to commercial software products. Successfully resolved claims without payment of any kind by defendants.