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Related Services

Intellectual Property ■ Intellectual Property Litigation

Tom Finch is a senior associate with Alston & Bird's Intellectual Property Litigation Group. Tom focuses his practice on the enforcement of patent rights before district courts, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Tom also counsels his clients on issues tangential to their patent rights, including related contractual disputes and other intellectual property rights. Tom has additional experience with pre-litigation diligence, validity and enforceability investigations, and freedom to operate opinions.

Tom has a background in software engineering. Before joining the firm, Tom developed diagnostic software for a major appliance manufacturer. In addition to his familiarity with software and embedded systems, Tom has experience with a wide range of technologies, including automotive safety products, consumer products, medical devices, telecommunications equipment, and e-commerce technologies.

He received his J.D. from the University of Georgia, graduating cum laude, and received his master of engineering in computer science from the University of South Carolina.

Representative Experience

- Representing the plaintiff in district court litigation and appeals in a dispute with a competitor relating to waste disposal systems. (C.D. Cal.; Fed. Cir.).
- Representing the plaintiff in a patent infringement suit against a competitor relating to passenger airbag technologies. *Autoliv ASP Inc. v. Hyundai Mobis Co. Ltd., et al.*, No. 13-cv-00141 (M.D. Ala.).
- Representing a plaintiff tissue graft manufacturer in a patent infringement, unfair competition, and false advertising lawsuit concerning medical tissue grafts. *MiMedx Group Inc. v. NuTech Medical Inc.*, No. 15-cv-00369 (N.D. Ala.).
- Representing a defendant animal health company in a breach of patent license concerning topical flea and tick preventive products. *Perrigo Co. v. Merial Ltd.*, No. 1-15-cv-03674 (N.D. Ga.).
- Representing defendant in a patent infringement suit against a non-practicing entity regarding glass repair technologies. *Viking Technologies, LLC v. Assurant, Inc.*, No. 2-20-cv-00357 (E.D. Tx.).

Education

- University of Georgia (J.D., 2018)
- University of South Carolina (M. Eng., 2015)

- University of South Carolina (B.A., 2013)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office