In today's advanced information age, the semiconductor industry plays a crucial role in nearly every high-tech product created. Perkins Coie provides a pragmatic approach to unique issues faced by our semiconductor clients.

Having represented both startup companies and established players for several decades, we know the semiconductor industry along with the legal challenges that semiconductors companies face. We have extensive experience representing:

- Vertically integrated semiconductor companies
- Fabless semiconductor companies
- Manufacturers that purchase large quantities of integrated circuits
- Semiconductor capital equipment manufacturers
- Electric design automation companies

Our clients benefit from our interdisciplinary approach, which combines extensive legal and technical experience with strong corporate and litigation resources in a leading technology law firm. We are involved in complex, high-stakes patent litigation and regularly advise clients on cutting-edge patent law and policy matters, such as patent reform, legislative issues and regulations, including filing amicus briefs in the Federal Circuit and in the U.S. Supreme Court in cases significant to our semiconductor clients.

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01.06.2015
Perkins Coie Announces 2015 Partner Class
Press Releases
Perkins Coie announced that 21 associates, counsel and senior counsel have been promoted to partner. “The members of Perkins Coie’s 2015 partner class are talented, hard-working attorneys who embody the national strength and forward-looking growth of our firm,” said John Devaney, Perkins Coie’s Firmwide Managing Partner.

08.04.2010
Perkins’ Shanghai Office Adds New Attorneys
Press Releases
Perkins Coie is pleased to welcome Bing Zhou and Yanchen Shi. Both are consultants who will be based in the firm’s Shanghai office.

03.05.2010
Perkins Coie Only AmLaw 100 Firm With Top 10 Ranking in Patent Quality According to Intellectual Asset Management Magazine
Press Releases
Perkins Coie is honored to be the only AmLaw 100 firm with a top 10 ranking in overall patent quality as listed by Intellectual Asset Management magazine.

PUBLICATIONS

02.05.2013
The Madrid System Is Expanding: Is Your Trademark Portfolio Covered?
Updates
As more countries join the Madrid Protocol System for the International Registration of Marks (Madrid System), trademark owners should be sure to take full advantage of this trademark registration option. There are now 89 members of the Madrid System. Significantly lower application and maintenance costs, as well as streamlined portfolio management options, are just a few of the reasons why the Madrid System is advantageous for trademark owners.
Federal Circuit Alters Test for Contempt in Patent Cases and Imposes Greater Burden on Adjudged Infringers to Seek Clarification of Ambiguous Injunctions

Updates
On April 20, the Federal Circuit issued its long-awaited en banc decision in TiVo Inc. v. EchoStar Corp.,[1] vacating one ground for a contempt citation but affirming the other and upholding a $90 million sanction. Along the way, the court significantly revised its approach to contempt proceedings in ways that may both help and hurt patentees in future cases.

06.28.2010

Business Methods Patents Survive, But Not Bilski’s Patent

Updates
By a 5-4 vote, the United States Supreme Court has rejected the notion that business methods are categorically unpatentable. By a unanimous vote, however, the Court has affirmed the PTO and Federal Circuit’s rulings rejecting Bilski’s patent claims on methods of hedging commodity risks. The Court also unanimously agreed that while the “machine or transformation” test adopted by the Federal Circuit is a useful indicator of patentability, it is not the sole test for patentability under Section 101 of the Patent Act. Although many had feared--and some had hoped--that all software patents were in jeopardy, the Court’s relatively narrow decision should allay those fears and dash those hopes.

PRESENTATIONS

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