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Mr. Dang's practice focuses on intellectual property and technology-related litigation. He has extensive experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in patent and trade secret matters, in cases involving diverse technological fields such as artificial intelligence, mainframe compilers, embedded systems, and online advertising. On the life-sciences side, Mr. Dang has also represented clients in cases involving small molecule and biologic drugs, including several brand-side pharmaceutical companies in Hatch-Waxman and BPCIA cases.

Mr. Dang has taken leading roles at trial and notched victories. In 2024, he represented plaintiff IBM in a patent infringement trial against Zynga, a mobile game developer. He led IBM's damages case at trial, conducting the direct examination of an IBM licensing executive and two of IBM's experts, and cross-examining Zynga's damages expert. At the end of trial, the jury returned a verdict of willful infringement in IBM's favor, and **awarded IBM damages of \$44.9 million.**

In addition to his trial work, Mr. Dang has also represented clients in appeals before the United States Supreme Court, the Second, Ninth, and Federal Circuits, and the Delaware Supreme Court. Additionally, Mr. Dang has experience with *inter partes* and post-grant review petitions before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Mr. Dang was **recently recognized** in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America 2026* for his work in patent and intellectual property litigation.

Before joining Desmarais LLP, Mr. Dang clerked on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain and was an associate at Williams & Connolly LLP. During law school, he served as an executive editor for the Harvard Business Law Review and as a research assistant for Professor Louis Kaplow. Mr. Dang also represented indigent defendants in criminal matters as part of the Harvard Criminal Justice Institute.

Prior Experience

- Associate, Williams & Connolly LLP, Washington, DC, 2018-2022
- Summer Associate, Williams & Connolly LLP, Washington, DC, 2016

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., 2017; *magna cum laude*; Harvard Business Law Review, Executive Editor

The University of Alabama, M.A., Public Policy Economics, 2014; Murray Havens Award for Excellence in Economics; University Scholar

The University of Alabama, B.A., Economics and International Studies, 2014; *summa cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

2018, District of Columbia

- Summer Associate, Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, Los Angeles, CA, 2016

Clerk & Government Experience

- Law Clerk to the Hon. Diarmuid O'Scannlain, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, Portland, OR, 2017-2018
- Legal Intern, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Litigation I, Washington, DC, 2015

Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Other Distinctions

- *U.S. News & World Report, Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch* - Patent Litigation, Patent Law

News & Publications

- Patent Litigation Is Not Just for Scientists, April 2021, Bloomberg Law.
- [Best Lawyers Names John Desmarais 'Lawyer of the Year,' Honors 10 Desmarais LLP Attorneys in 2026 Rankings](#)
- [Desmarais LLP Secures \\$44.9M Jury Verdict for IBM in Tech Patent Trial](#)