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Lawson Allen focuses his practice on patent litigation matters. From drafting complaints for the U.S. International Trade Commission and consolidating cases before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, to arguing claim construction and examining witnesses at trial, he has experience in all aspects of litigation. Lawson has experience handling complex cases involving hundreds of products has also litigated issues involving patent-eligible subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101 before the Patent and Trademark Appeal Board (PTAB), district courts, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Additionally, Lawson assists clients with patent opinions, such as freedom to operate, due diligence, non-infringement, and validity opinions, as well as the development of pre-litigation strategy, evaluation of risk, and post-grant proceedings before the PTAB. He also counsels clients with respect to licensing, agreements, and patent prosecution matters. Lawson represents clients in a broad range of industries, including pharmaceuticals, health and life sciences, semiconductors, media, financial, e-commerce, and Internet technologies.

Prior to joining the firm, Lawson was a summer associate and then an intellectual property litigation associate in the Washington, D.C. office of a northeast regional law firm where he represented clients in district court litigations, Federal Circuit appeals, and post-grant proceedings before the PTAB, as well as in pro bono matters in state court.

Lawson was recognized as a Washington D.C. "Rising Star" in 2024 for Intellectual Property by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

Experience

Represented Lenovo Group Limited in defense of an eight patent infringement case relating to USB, DisplayPort, and PCIe protocols and functionalities in the Eastern District of Texas, which implicated thousands of Lenovo-branded devices. After the claim construction order, the plaintiff narrowed the case to four asserted patents. Thereafter, Kilpatrick obtained summary judgment of no infringement as to one of the four remaining

patents and succeeded in excluding opinions from each of Plaintiff's three expert witnesses, including purported opinions on the alleged representativeness of source code architectures, purported opinions on technical apportionment, and the entirety of plaintiff's expert's opinions on damages. The case subsequently resolved successfully for Lenovo Group Limited. *Universal Connectivity Technologies v. Lenovo Group Limited*, 2:23-cv-00449 (E.D. Tex. filed September 28, 2023).

Education

Wake Forest University School of Law J.D. (2017) *CALI Awards*

University of Tennessee at Knoxville B.S., Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (2014) Minor in Mathematics, *summa cum laude*, *Chancellor's Honors Program*, *Dean's List*

Admissions

District of Columbia (2017)

North Carolina (2025)

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

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