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Ryan J. Sheehan is an Associate in the Firm's Litigation department, concentrating on patent litigation. He has more than 10 years of experience representing multinational corporations in the automotive and electronics industries, startup and technology companies, and patent licensing entities, as both plaintiffs and defendants, in Federal district courts (District of Delaware, Eastern District of Texas, Central District of California, Southern District of California, Eastern District of Michigan, Northern District of Illinois), the US International Trade Commission (ITC), and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He has litigated and advised clients with respect to a wide range of technologies, including electronic licensing and digital rights management systems; mobile devices and device integration software; operating system and application software; virtual reality and video game software; relational databases and database integration software; video analytics software; wireless networking standards and protocols; microprocessor design; navigation, mapping, and GPS systems and software; vehicle control and maintenance systems; hybrid vehicles; LED and solid-state lighting; solar-powered agricultural greenhouse systems; metal alloy coatings and electrical connectors; energy-efficient reflective roof coatings; and prenatal vitamin supplements.

In addition to his litigation practice, Ryan also analyzes portfolios of patents and other intellectual property rights for clients in order to develop an IP strategy, evaluate potential licensing/litigation, and conduct freedom-to-operate analyses. He also advises clients on transaction-related matters, including on licenses, assignments, and other agreements conveying IP rights.

Prior to attending law school, Ryan held a variety of engineering and management positions at early- and middle-stage startup software companies, developing internet, electronic commerce, and enterprise software applications.

Education

- Fordham University School of Law (J.D., 2007)
- Dartmouth College (B.A., 2000)
 - Computer Science

Admissions

- New York
- Connecticut
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas

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Judge Furman Sends Video Surveillance Case Packing Because an Employee's Apartment is Not "a Place of the Defendant" Even Though Defendant's Website Suggested It Was

September 24, 2020

On September 18, 2020, U.S. District Court Judge Jesse M. Furman ruled that an employee's apartment in the jurisdiction did not constitute a place of business of Defendant Safety Vision even though Safety Vision's website suggested that it was. Safety Vision,...

Judge Ramos Finds "Bad Faith" Enforcement of a Patent is Not Patent Misuse

March 26, 2020

On March 23, 2020, U.S. District Court Judge Edgardo Ramos granted a motion to dismiss counterclaims and strike affirmative defenses because they were not plausible and did not meet the heightened pleading requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 9(b).Plaintiff Signify...

Judge Oetken Clarifies the Evidentiary Proof Needed for a Preliminary Injunction

October 4, 2019

On September 11, 2019, Judge J. Paul Oetken issued an order illustrating key factors a patentee is required to prove in order to obtain an injunction barring sales of a defendant's allegedly infringing products pending the conclusion of the litigation.In Ever Victory...

Judge Hall Holds an Answer Waived Privilege by Selectively Pleading Protected Communications

October 3, 2019

On September 19, 2019, U.S. District Judge LaShann DeArcy Hall denied an appeal by the defendant in a litigation to correct the inventorship of patents of rulings by Magistrate Judges Gary R. Brown and Peggy Kuo that the defendant had waived...

Judge Woods Construes Claims in View of Patents Incorporated by Reference in the Specification

August 6, 2019

On July 29, 2019, Judge Gregory Woods illustrated how subject matter that is incorporated by reference in the specification can impact the scope of the claims in claim construction.In Kewazinga, the plaintiff asserted infringement of three patents describing telepresence systems...