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Aaron C. Dilbeck is a partner at Munck Wilson Mandala, practicing in the complex litigation/dispute resolution group. His practice is focused on intellectual property disputes and commercial litigation.

Aaron advocates for national and international clients throughout the country and on both sides of the docket. He has experience with matters involving business torts, fraud, and breaches of fiduciary duties; complex contractual relationships; broker and finder controversies; confidentiality and non-disclosure disagreements; trade secret and patent infringement battles; partnership and investment disputes; securities fraud litigation; and tortious interference claims.

Aaron received his J.D. with honors from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law where he was executive editor of the SMU Science and Technology Law Review. Prior to law school, Aaron worked as a ceramics engineer providing research and development as well as quality assurance and control. Aaron is also the first listed inventor on US Patent Nos. 10,047,002; 10,899,655; and 11,565,465.

Experience

- Represented plaintiff at trial which resulted in eight-figure patent infringement verdict in federal case involving motion detection technology, which was reversed by the Federal Circuit on patent validity grounds
- Represented corporation defending against claims for fraud and fraudulent inducement arising from a business transaction. The plaintiff demanded more than \$1.9 million in damages. After a one-week trial, the jury found entirely in favor of the client
- Co-defense counsel in federal court action in California, in which investment banking firm sued company for breach of contract, promissory fraud, and declaratory judgment relating to multi-million dollar deals for the purchase of hotels where, after removing the lawsuit to federal court, achieved dismissal of the lawsuit for lack of jurisdiction. The plaintiff filed a new lawsuit in Texas State Court. After deposing the plaintiff's corporate representative, the parties reached a settlement favorable to our client
- Co-appellate counsel defending company and executive in securities fraud lawsuit. The Court of Appeals reversed the judgment against the defendants and remanded with directions, and the state's Supreme Court adopted our client's argument. The case is currently remanded to the trial court

- Co-defense counsel for a company allegedly liable for hundreds of thousands of dollars pursuant to purported breach of contract. After filing a counter-claim and motion to compel, the plaintiff settled for a walk-away
- Represented plaintiff asserting single, double, and triple derivative claims for breach of fiduciary duty and seeking appointment of a receiver. After filing motion for a receiver, the plaintiff received a favorable settlement
- Co-defense counsel for borrowers and guarantors sued by lender seeking millions in monetary damages related to multi-million dollar commercial loans across multiple jurisdictions. Facilitated settlement whereby the lender agreed not to seek monetary damages
- Represented plaintiff in infringement cases against prior licensees in Texas and California
- Co-defense counsel in multi-million dollar business torts lawsuit where defeated emergency Rule 202 Petition and, in subsequent lawsuit, defeated application for temporary restraining order (after evidentiary hearing) filed against client
- Facilitated confidential and non-confidential settlements for various clients on both sides of the docket regarding various disputes

Focus Areas

Cybersecurity & Data Privacy

Commercial Litigation

Energy / Oil & Gas

Securities Litigation

Business Breakups & Partnership Disputes

Copyrights

Patent Litigation

Trade Secret Litigation

High Stakes Litigation

Speeches / Publications

- Article: *How Derivative Will Derivative Claims Go?*, Law360, April 13, 2023.
- Article: *'Dual Purpose' Communications, the Attorney-Client Privilege, and the 'Primary Purpose' Test in Texas: SCOTUS Punts, But Does Texas?*, Expert Opinion, ALM, February 6, 2023.
- Article: *More Efficient International Service of Process: To Hague, or not to Hague, that is the question.*, Featured Law Article, International Law Section, State Bar of Texas, March 4, 2022.
- Article: *Justices' CFAA Ruling Shows Contract Safeguards Insufficient*, Law360, June 25, 2021.
- Article: *When ESI Spoliation May Lead to Termination*, ABA, June 26, 2020.
- Article: *Password-Sharing May Be a Federal Crime Under the Muddied Waters of the CFAA*, Corporate Counsel, January 5, 2018.
- Presentation: assisted with July 2017 seminar on *Hotel Litigation*, at La Quinta Corporate Headquarters in Irving, Texas.

- Presentation: assisted with December 2017 seminar on *Hotel Data & The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act*, at Phoenix American Hospitality Corporate Headquarters in Dallas, Texas.
- Article: *Password-Sharing May Be a Federal Crime Under the Muddied Waters of the CFAA*, *Cybersecurity, Law & Strategy* (Law Journal Newsletters), February 2018
Corporate Counsel, January 5, 2018.
- Presentation: assisted moderator and speaker for presentation, *Data Protection & Cybersecurity*, at the NACDL 14th Annual White Collar Seminar on November 9, 2018, in Washington, D.C.
- Article: Supreme Court Participates in Patent Reform: Judicial Case Management, 18 *SMU Sci. & Tech. L. Rev.* 3 (2015)

Education

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, JD, 2016
cum laude

University of Illinois Urbana - Champaign, BS, 2011
Material Science and Engineering

Associations & Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- Dallas Bar Association

Honors & Awards

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
2023-2025
- Texas Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters
2022 – 2024

Bar Admissions

Texas, 2016

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

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