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At a Glance

IP Controversies

Tony is a recognized leader in intellectual property controversies, having been involved in all manner of disputes worldwide, including trials, arbitrations, IPRs, and product clearance investigations.

Business Leader

As the former CEO of a start-up technology company, Tony has secured patents, directed financial transactions, negotiated contracts, raised capital, and handled communications with shareholders/investors.

Foreign Advisor

Tony has an active offshore practice that includes advising and representing international companies on a variety of issues that range from doing business in the U.S. to defending them in U.S. Court.

Anton N. Handal has over 40 years of first-chair litigation experience in Federal, State, and Administrative Tribunals and has been recognized by Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America, in 2023, 2024, 2025, and as a Law Firm Visionary by the LA Times.

Notable clients include Volvo Car Corporation, Illumina Inc., and members of the Saudi Royal Family. He has significant business and legal contacts in the Middle East, Asia, and China and has proven to be a valuable resource to U.S. companies looking to do business abroad.

Mr. Handal has been lead counsel in over 170 patent litigation matters, has argued cases in the United States Federal Circuit Court of Appeal, the Patent Trial and Appeals Board, Federal Appeals Courts, District Court, and State Courts. He also successfully tried cases in the International Trade Commission and handled 17 PTAB Inter Partes Reviews, taking three to a favorable Final Determination. As a relentless adversary, Mr. Handal focuses on complex business disputes, patent infringements, breaches of fiduciary duty, partnership break-ups, professional liability, product liability, trademark infringement, anti-trust, trade secrets, and Lanham Act violations.

Mr. Handal has been a featured speaker at webinars and conferences on various topics including: “Modern Trends in IP Litigation,” “From Decision to Practice,” and “Building a Right Platform: Key Legal Issues of the U.S. Beauty Industry.” He has been a certified CLE lecturer in California and Florida on patent litigation topics, is a regular author and contributor on litigation issues, and is credited with several precedent-setting court decisions.

Experience

- *Gopher Media LLC et al. v. Melone et al.* 24-2626. U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. En banc appellate decision overturning 22 years of Ninth Circuit precedent to hold that denials of California anti-SLAPP motions are not immediately appealable under the collateral order doctrine.
- *Shelby v. Halicki*, No. 21-56027 (9th Cir. 2023). Counsel to Classic Recreations in a published decision affirming complete trial victory on claims of copyright infringement, trademark infringement, and breach of contract; clarifying standard for copyright protection of fictional characters from literary or cinematic works; and, on rare reconsideration, reversing prior denial and awarding attorneys’ fees (amount pending in District Court).
- *Race Winning Brands v. Gearhart*. 8:22-cv-01446-FWS. Central District of California. Employer action against employee who left to work for a competitor. Trade Secret, Cyber theft, breach of contract
- *Carroll Shelby v. Halicki*. Case No. 820-cv-01344 MCS (DFMx) Central District of California. Trade dress, Trademark, breach of contract. High value dispute over the Shelby GT500CR vehicle and its alleged impersonation of the “Eleanor” car character from the movie Gone in 60 Seconds
- Certain DVD Players and Recorders and Certain Products Containing Same, U.S. International Trade Commission, Investigation No. 337-TA-603, obtained a favorable settlement for multiple respondents in Section 337 Investigation involving patented DVD player and DVD recorder technology
- *eDigital Corporation v. Apple, Inc., et al.*, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, representing a plaintiff patent holder in more than 20 patent infringement lawsuits against smartphone, tablet, and camera manufacturers and retailers in effort to enforce client’s flash memory-related patents
- *Patent Harbor, LLC v. Audiovox Corporation, et al.*, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Case No. 6:10-cv-361-LED-JDL, Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, Docket No. 13- 1341, representing a defendant and appellee in patent infringement litigation involving technology for generating and displaying DVD content menus
- *Guardian Media Technologies, Ltd. v. Acer America Corporation, et al.*, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Case No. 6:10-cv-597-LED, representing three defendants in patent infringement litigation related to parental control technology for DVD players and TVs
- *Collins, et al. v. Western Digital Technologies, Inc., et al.*, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Case No. 2:09-cv-219-DF, obtained a favorable settlement for defendant in patent infringement litigation involving diamond like carbon coating for computer hard disc drives
- *Multimedia Patent Trust v. Directv, Inc., et al.* U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, Case No. 3:09-cv-278-JAH-CAB, obtained a favorable settlement for defendant in patent infringement litigation involving MPEG-2 encoding and decoding technologies
- *Lindsey v. Conteh* – Represented the Plaintiff minority shareholders in shareholder derivative litigation alleging breach of fiduciary duty and violations of the Corporations Code relating to an international telecommunications business leading to a Judgment for Plaintiffs of more than \$93 million based on the value of misappropriated corporate property
- *RF Elati v. Aikin et al.* Colorado District Court litigation recovering a \$8.8 million judgment for the firm’s client in a cannabis-related business dispute
- Represented a Respondent electronics manufacturing company in U.S. Customs and Border Protection Seizure cases concerning trademark validity. Filed successful Petition for Relief from Forfeiture resulting in dismissal of all cases and return of client property

- Represented a world leading German manufacturer in re: Certain Automated Media Library Devices, U.S. International Trade Commission, Investigation No. 337-TA-746. Mr. Handal represented five respondents in a Section 337 investigation involving automated data storage devices which resulted in a complete victory after trial and appeal for the firm's client

Focus Areas

Appellate

Commercial Litigation

High Stakes Litigation

Life Sciences

Mergers & Acquisitions

Palisades Fire Property Loss Litigation

Patent Litigation

Trademark & Copyright Litigation

Trade Secrets & Unfair Competition

Speeches / Publications

- [Ninth Circuit Takes Sting Out of California Anti-SLAPP Law Again](#), Bloomberg Law, October 22, 2025
- [An Erie October Surprise: Ninth Circuit Rules Anti-SLAPP Denials Not Immediately Appealable](#), Jenner & Block, October 22, 2025
- [Ninth Circuit Removes Right to Immediate Appeal from Denials of California Anti-SLAPP Motions, Preserving Use of SLAPP Statute in Federal Case](#), Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, October 14, 2025
- [Ninth Circuit Reverses Itself on Immediate Appeals of Anti-SLAPP Rulings](#), Forbes, October 12, 2025
- [Ninth Circuit Refuses to Hear Early Appeal in Speech Rights Case](#), Bloomberg Law, October 9, 2025
- [Ninth Circuit Scrutinizes Federal use of California anti-SLAPP in Fake Reviews Case](#), Courthouse News Service, June 24, 2025
- [Supreme Court Won't Hear 'Gone In 60 Seconds' IP Appeal](#), Law360, November 10, 2025
- ['Gone In 60 Seconds' Race Car Trial Ends In Tie](#), Law360, November 2, 2023
- ['60 Seconds' Producer Says Shelby's Co.'s Suit Crashed Deal](#), Law360, June 5, 2023
- [Shelby's Co. Says '60 Seconds' IP Bench Trial No Photo Finish](#), Law360, May 11, 2023
- Speaker, eMerge Americas – Miami, FL IP issues in related to the Cannabis Industry
- Speaker, "[Modern Trends in IP Litigation](#)," IP Counsel Exchange Webinar, February 13, 2018
- Speaker, "From Decision to Practice," IP Counsel Exchange New York, December 7, 2017
- Speaker, "Building a Right Platform: Key Legal Issues of the U.S. Beauty Industry," New York Health Forum, December 6, 2017
- Speaker, "IP Litigation Spotlight Address," IP Counsel Exchange San Diego, May 23, 2017

Education

Southwestern University School of Law, JD, 1982

University of California Los Angeles, BA, 1980
Economics

Associations & Memberships

- New International Cottages, Inc., Pro-Bono Counsel

Honors & Awards

- Top 100 Lawyers
Los Angeles Business Journal, 2026
- Best Lawyers in America
2023-2026
- Law Firm Visionary
Los Angeles Times Studios Business, 2025
- Leaders of Influence: Litigators & Trial Lawyers
Los Angeles Business Journal, 2025

Bar Admissions

California, 1984

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

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

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

California Supreme Court

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado