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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.

Mr. Handal is a skilled litigator dedicated to navigating complex business disputes involving intellectual property, breaches of fiduciary duty, partnership break-ups, professional liability, product liability, trademark infringement, trade secrets, data breaches, and Lanham Act violations. He has over 40 years of first-chair litigation experience in Federal, State, and Administrative tribunals. He has represented clients from all over the World, tried over 100 matters, and has been lead counsel in over 170 patent litigation cases.

Mr. Handal is well known, at home and abroad, for his skills before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the Patent Trial and Appeals Board, and various Federal Appeals Courts, District and State Courts. He represented clients in 17 IPRs, trying three to successful conclusion and he successfully tried cases before the International Trade Commission.

Mr. Handal regularly advises international clients in the United States as well as American clients on doing business overseas. His international reach extends from Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and the entire Middle East to China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Vietnam, and the rest of the Pacific Rim.

In addition to his litigation practice, Mr. Handal advises and represents clients in buy/sell side mid-sized M&A transactions, including leading due diligence, data room management, contract negotiations, and drafting purchase and sale documents. Tony is also conversant in Arabic.

Experience

- *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 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 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 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 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 favorable settlement for defendant in patent infringement litigation involving MPEG-2 encoding and decoding technologies
- *Lindsey v. Conteh* – Represented 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 \$93,000,000, based on the value of misappropriated corporate property
- *RF Elati v. Aikin et al.* Colorado District Court litigation recovering a \$8,800,000 judgment for the firm’s client in a cannabis-related business dispute
- Represented 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. Resulting in a complete victory after trial and appeal for the firm’s client

Focus Areas

Trademark & Copyright Litigation

Trade Secret Litigation

Patent Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Mergers & Acquisitions

High Stakes Litigation

Speeches / Publications

- [‘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

- Best Lawyers in America
2023-2024

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