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PRACTICE OVERVIEW:

Brad's commercial litigation practice concentrates in the areas of antitrust, intellectual property, and consumer protection. Brad also counsels small and large companies on how to reduce their risk of litigation through sound business practices. Whether litigating or counseling, Brad seeks to thoroughly understand each client's business so that he can help it achieve its objectives as efficiently and effectively as possible. Over the years Brad has represented a wide variety of businesses and individuals including telecommunications companies, musical groups, artists, state agencies, franchisees and franchisors, software companies, fruit growers and packers, partnerships, non-profits, and small and large securities investors.

PRACTICE AREAS:

Litigation

Intellectual Property

Antitrust

EDUCATION:

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., *cum laude* (1995)

Stanford University, B.A. in International Relations (1990)

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE:

Illinois (1996)

Washington (1999)

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (1996)

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington (1999)

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado (2003)

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1999)

REPRESENTATIVE WORK:

Wang v. Ta Chi, Inc. (2010). After two-week bench trial, obtained judgments totaling over \$450,000 against clients' former manager and her businesses for breach of fiduciary duty.

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Marin v. Evans, et al. (2008). Obtained summary judgment in civil RICO class action on behalf of defendant apple growing and packing company.

Sayani v. Sayani (2007). Successfully represented majority owners of closely held businesses in three week trial over the valuation of a minority owner's interest, obtaining favorable valuation decision and a rejection of minority owner's bid to dissolve business.

Chihuly, Inc. v. Kaindl (2006). Successfully defended glass artists in copyright infringement case alleging that artists' work infringed glass art created by Dale Chihuly.

Dexter & Chaney v. Microsoft (2006). Prosecuted trademark infringement case against Microsoft on behalf of software company, obtaining a favorable settlement after preliminary injunction hearing.

Amazon.com v. Atlantic Mutual Ins. Co. (2006). Helped Amazon.com obtain judgment against its insurer for litigation costs Amazon.com incurred defending three patent infringement lawsuits.

Washington State Farm Bureau v. National Marine Fisheries Service (2006). Submitted amicus brief to federal district court on behalf of Canadian environmental groups seeking to uphold protection of orca whales under Endangered Species Act.

AT&T Wireless v. M & F (2005). Obtained federal court jury verdict for AT&T Wireless in a patent malpractice case involving AT&T Wireless's loss of patent rights in a cell phone technology.

Ambielli v. Amgen (2003). Prosecuted class action on behalf of participants in Amgen 401(k) plan, obtaining favorable settlement for class members.

Department of Ecology v. PUD No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (2002). Submitted amicus brief to the Washington State Supreme Court on behalf of American Rivers on the proper relationship between the Federal Clean Water Act and state water law.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Member, Federal Bar Association and the American Constitution Society

Advisory Board Member, American Rivers, a national non-profit organization committed to protecting and restoring America's rivers

Former Chair, Antitrust, Consumer Protection & Unfair Competition Section of the Washington State Bar Association

RECENT PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

Co-chair and Speaker, 22nd Annual Antitrust and Consumer Protection Seminar: An Essential Update for Washington Practitioners, WSBA (2005)

Author, "Robinson -Patman Act Returns to Supreme Court Docket After Long Absence," Vol. 26 Antitrust, Consumer Protection & Unfair Business Practices Section Newsletter No. 1, WSBA (2005)

Author, "The Federal Arbitration Act and the Future of Contract-Based Class Actions," Vol. 24 Antitrust, Consumer Protection & Unfair Business Practices Section Newsletter No. 1, WSBA (2003)

RECOGNITION:

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BACKGROUND & INTERESTS:

Prior to joining Stokes Lawrence in 2001, Brad worked at the Seattle firm Graham & Dunn (1999-2001) and the Chicago office of Hopkins & Sutter (1996-1999).