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Will Chen is a partner in the Intellectual Property Group in the firm's Silicon Valley office.

### Areas of Practice

Will advises clients in all areas of intellectual property law, including patent litigation, strategic patent portfolio development, patent office post-grant validity trials, patent and technology licensing, and patent infringement and validity opinions.

Will has extensive experience in helping high-tech companies in Silicon Valley and China on building comprehensive patent portfolios and developing sophisticated international patent strategies, assessing, avoiding and responding to third-party IP threats, inter partes reviews (IPRs) and reexaminations at the patent office, district court patent litigation, in-bound and out-bound technology licensing, and negotiating IP asset transactions such as mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and the like. He has successfully litigated patent cases in federal district courts, and post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). He has successfully represented telecommunications and Internet companies in multiple patent acquisition deals. Will has also published a book titled *U.S. Patent Litigation* in China.

In working with high-tech companies, he has developed in-depth knowledge in a range of industries including software, artificial intelligence, virtual and augmented reality, telecommunications, networking, electronic circuitry, semiconductor, MEMS, and medical devices.

Will frequently speaks, teaches, and publishes on a variety of IP-related topics, including litigation, licensing, trade secrets, strategic portfolio management, and patent enforcement.

### Experience

- Defended a software company in Beijing, China and successfully forced plaintiff to dismiss the case at an early stage of the case
- Defended a semiconductor company in Shenzhen, China in a patent infringement litigation involving MEMS devices and successfully settled for the defendant without any payment to plaintiff
- Defended a network device company in Silicon Valley and successfully settled the case, and defendant was able to make public offers in the stock exchange market
- Defended multiple networking companies in Silicon Valley in a patent infringement litigation involving network switches and routers and successfully settled for the defendants

- Represented BCD Semi of Shanghai, China, in a complex patent infringement litigation involving power supply products and successfully settled the case.
- Manages patent portfolios and provides counseling on IP issues for many high-tech companies in China.
- Counsels several high-tech companies in Silicon Valley on IP issues.

## Articles

- Book *U.S. Patent Litigation*, Intellectual Property Publishing House Co. Ltd, 2014.
- "U.S. Patent Litigation Strategy," *China IP News*, Jan. 13, 2016.
- "Recent Key Developments on Enforcement of Standard-Essential Patents in U.S. Courts," *China IP Magazine*, April 5, 2015.
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- "Enforcing Revolutionary Product Design in the U.S. Market," *China IP News*, June 12, 2013.
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- "Benefits and Considerations for Patent Prosecution Under Patent Prosecution Highway in Australia, Canada, South Korea, and Japan," December 20, 2021
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- "Distinguish "Smart Contract" From Abstract Idea To Pass Blockchain Patentability Scrutiny," March 29, 2021
- "Blockchain Patentability Through The Lens Of A Recent PTAB Decision," March 3, 2021

## China Law Update Blog

- "美国专利商标局专利主体资格延迟回复的试点项目," January 25, 2022

## Media Mentions

Sheppard Mullin Nabs IP Pro From Finnegan In Palo Alto  
*Law360*, 03.25.2016

## Practices

Intellectual Property

Patent Litigation

Patent Prosecution and Counseling

## Industries

Esports & Games

## Education

M.S., Northeastern University, 2004

LL.M, Franklin Pierce Law Center, 2001

LL.B., Tsinghua University, China, 1999

B.S., Tsinghua University, China, 1998

## Admissions

California

New York

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Passed China Bar Examination

## Additional Office

Shanghai

## Languages

Chinese (Mandarin)