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Carlo F. Van den Bosch is the former Practice Leader of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group, ranked in the top tier by *U.S. News & World Report*. He is a partner in the firm's Orange County office.

Areas of Practice

Carlo has been profiled as one of California's leading IP litigators and is recognized among the world's leading trademark professionals. His practice bridges the contentious and non-contentious divide with one part of the practice often informing the other in terms of optimal legal strategy.

Carlo has prevailed in a number of landmark cases before trial and appellate courts, including the United States Supreme Court, where in 2015 he successfully argued a trademark matter to a unanimous decision. His legal acumen has been lauded by peers and clients, who have described Carlo as a "versatile tactician" who "flexes broad IP knowledge to craft bulletproof strategies" and is "continually sought out for his creative, considered advice." In litigation matters, he has been lauded as a "courtroom virtuoso [with] piercing insight and incisive judgment."

Carlo particularly enjoys the breadth of industry experience that his clients afford. Whether it be apparel and retail, healthcare and life sciences, software and technology, financial services, or consumer products, Carlo draws from a host of experiences in his decades-long practice to contribute tailored strategies for building robust portfolios, always with an eye on the added-value proposition, and an enforcement approach that focuses on outcome and efficiency. He also regularly provides intellectual property due diligence advice in corporate M&A matters, which enhances his approach to portfolio value.

Carlo was born in Belgium and remains an avid supporter of its national soccer team. He now lives in Orange County, California with his wife, who also litigates, and their three teenage children.

Honors

Leading Trademark Professional, Enforcement and Litigation - California, *World Trademark Review 1000*, 2013-2026

Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2022-2026

Best Lawyers in America (Trademark Law), *Best Lawyers*, 2022-2026

Best Lawyers in America (Litigation - Intellectual Property), *Best Lawyers*, 2026

Intellectual Property Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal*, 2016

IP Star, *Managing IP Magazine*, 2016-2025

Intellectual Property, MVP, *Law360*, 2015

Intellectual Property, *Legal 500*, 2013, 2015-2018

Top IP Litigator, *Daily Journal*, 2012, 2015

75 Leading IP Litigators, *Daily Journal*, 2010

Rising Star: Top 10 IP Attorneys Under 40, *Law360*, 2010

Martindale-Hubbell - AV Peer Review Rating

Southern California Super Lawyers, Intellectual Property Litigation, 2005-2016, 2018-2024

Experience

Litigation

Mr. Van den Bosch handles high-stakes IP litigation across many industries.

Notable Cases

Mr. Van den Bosch successfully argued before the United States Supreme Court and obtained a unanimous decision on behalf of his client in a trademark infringement matter where the plaintiff sought damages in excess of \$40 million. *Hana Financial v. Hana Bank*. 574 U.S. 418 (2015). The Supreme Court resolved a Circuit split involving the doctrine of trademark tacking in its first substantive trademark decision in nearly a decade.

Mr. Van den Bosch successfully argued the same matter before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 735 F.3d 1158 (9th Cir. 2013), after obtaining a unanimous jury verdict and final defense judgment in 2011 on three independent theories at trial—priority, laches, and unclean hands. *Hana Financial, Inc. v. Hana Bank* (C.D. Cal. Case No. CV07-1534-PA).

In *Wyatt Technology Corp. v. Smithson, et al.* (C.D. Cal. Case No. CV05-1309 DT), Mr. Van den Bosch represented the defendants in a high-tech intellectual property dispute involving dynamic light scattering technology used to measure the size and distribution of molecular particles in liquid solutions. Mr. Van den Bosch prevailed on summary judgment and secured an award of attorneys' fees and punitive damages for his clients.

In *Taylor Made Golf Company, Inc. v. MJT Consulting Group*, 265 F. Supp. 2d 732 (N.D. Tex. 2003), Mr. Van den Bosch successfully represented the plaintiff against a distributor of counterfeit merchandise.

Mr. Van den Bosch prevailed in a federal jury trial on behalf of the plaintiff in *Brookfield Communications, Inc. v. West Coast Entertainment Corp.*, 174 F.3d 1036 (9th Cir. 1999), a seminal case in the area of domain name and meta tag infringement. The jury awarded actual and punitive damages, and the court awarded attorneys' fees.

Other representations include the successful defense of Disney and ABC in an infringement suit filed by the owner of comic strip characters, the representation of ESPN in a trademark and copyright infringement suit involving a reality television program, the representation of Fox in a trademark infringement suit over the name of one of its television networks, and the representation of The Gator Corporation in multidistrict trademark litigation involving pop-up Internet advertising.

Global Intellectual Property Portfolio Management

Mr. Van den Bosch manages an experienced trademark team that handles the global protection and enforcement of intellectual property portfolios. He designs long-term strategies for securing and maintaining maximum protection and value of intellectual property assets.

Transactional Experience

Mr. Van den Bosch's experience extends to corporate and transactional matters, including the negotiation and preparation of intellectual property and technology agreements.

Articles

Intellectual Property Law Blog Posts

- "U.S. Supreme Court Rules that Profits Available Even from Non-Willful Trademark Infringers," April 23, 2020

Media Mentions

FLIR Fires Up More M&A
The Deal, 02.12.2019

Intellectual Property Trailblazers - Carlo Van den Bosch
National Law Journal: Custom Publishing Supplement, 05.2016

Monster Beverage Corp.'s \$690 million acquisition of American Fruits and Flavors
Don't Miss It: Hot Deals & Firms We're Following This Week
Law360, 02.26.2016

IP MVP: Sheppard Mullin's Carlo Van Den Bosch
Law360, 11.17.2015

The Leading Intellectual Property Attorneys in California 2015
Daily Journal, 04.22.2015

Supreme Court Update - *Hana Financial v. Hana Bank*
The National Law Review, 02.2015

Supreme Court Resolves Circuit Split on Trademark Tacking
The Recorder, 01.23.2015

Sheppard Mullin Secures Trademark Win in U.S. Supreme Court
Daily Journal, 01.22.2015

High Court Says Trademark Tacking Up To Juries
Law360, 01.21.2015

Sheppard Mullin Team Argues U.S. Supreme Court Trademark Case for Hana Bank
12.03.2014

Vying for the Best in Intellectual Property
Daily Journal, 02.09.2011

75 Leading IP Litigators
Partner Carlo Van den Bosch Named One of 75 Leading IP Litigators
Daily Journal, 04.17.2010

Rising Star: Sheppard Mullin's Carlo Van den Bosch
Law360, 04.01.2010

Meet Our New Leaders in Intellectual Property
04.04.2007

Scene Stealing
Daily Journal, 02.2000

Events

Brand Launch in the United States: How to Secure Trademark Rights and Avoid Litigation
03.11.2015

Memberships

Member, Intellectual Property, Science and Technology Sections, American Bar Association
Member, Intellectual Property Law Section, State Bar of California
Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
Member, International Trademark Association (INTA)
Member, Orange County Bar Association

Practices

Intellectual Property
Copyrights
False Advertising, Lanham Act and Unfair Competition
IP Licensing, Technology and Commercial Transactions
Patent Litigation
Trade Secrets
Trademark Applications and Prosecution
Trademarks and Trade Dress
Entertainment, Technology and Advertising
International Reach
Korea

Industries

Automotive

Cannabis

Entertainment, Technology and Advertising

Esports & Games

Food and Beverage

Hospitality

Life Sciences

Retail, Fashion & Beauty

Sports

Education

J.D., University of Southern California

B.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of California, Los Angeles

Languages

Dutch