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Overview

Lear Jiang has secured victories and favorable judgments for clients across the country. His cases span from commercial breach-of-contract disputes to large-scale class actions representing thousands of class members.

HIGHLIGHTS

Lear served as a member of the team representing thousands of residents of Flint, Michigan in their quest to recover for personal injury and property damage claims arising from lead contamination in the city's water supply. Following Susman Godfrey's work in securing a \$625+ million settlement with the state of Michigan and the City of Flint, Lear joined the remaining class-action litigation against two private engineering consulting firms who had been retained by Flint to help manage the City's water supply. Lear took and defended key expert depositions and argued key motions pertaining to these experts in helping secure additional settlements totaling over \$25 million.

In *LSIMC LLC v. American General Life Ins. Co.*, Lear helped secure relief valued at \$55 million for a class of life insurance policy holders who had alleged that AmGen increased their insurance rates in violation of the policies' terms. Lear and his colleagues were awarded a commendation by the City of Lancaster, California for their work on the matter.

Lear represents Proxense, LLC against Google, Microsoft, and Apple in three separate patent infringement litigations pending in the Western District of Texas. The lawsuits involve each of the defendants' "passwordless" sign-in technology, including aspects related to biometric authentication. Through Lear's work, Proxense has so far defeated two motions to transfer these cases to different jurisdictions, and has also achieved a 100% favorable ruling on patent claim construction. Previously, Lear helped secure several favorable judgments for Proxense in litigation against Samsung involving its mobile payment technology – including a rare plaintiffs' side win on summary

judgment of a key issue. Proxense v. Samsung settled on the first day of jury selection.

Lear's utilizes his expertise in counseling clients on complex technology matters in his current work for Meta Platforms in its litigation against an alleged data scraper for violations of Meta's Terms of Service. Lear has represented Meta Platforms in similar cases in the past, all of which have resulted in favorable judgments or settlements. In the energy sector, Lear represents a joint-venture renewable energy company in its breach-of-contract dispute pending in California state court against a solar panel manufacturer.

BACKGROUND

Lear joined Susman Godfrey after clerking for Judge Danny J. Boggs of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and for Judge Colleen McMahon of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. He is a graduate of Columbia Law School, where he served as a Notes Editor for the *Columbia Law Review*. His *Law Review* Note on campaign finance disclosure has been cited in amicus briefs on the issue before the U.S. Supreme Court. Lear is also a graduate of the University of Chicago, where he earned a dual degree in Economics and Political Science. In college, he was on the editorial board of the *Chicago Maroon*.

Honors & Distinctions

- Notes Editor: *Columbia Law Review*
- Semi-Finalist: Harlan Fiske Stone Moot Court Competition
- International Human Rights Clinic
- Parker Certificate in International and Comparative Law
- Best in Class Award: Corporations
- Best in Class Award: Ideas of the First Amendment
- James Kent Scholar
- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

Clerkships

Honorable Colleen McMahon, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

Honorable Danny J. Boggs, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Education

Columbia Law School (J.D., , 2019)

The University of Chicago (B.A., Economics, , 2015)

Admissions

Bar Admissions

- California
- New York

Leadership & Professional Memberships

- Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association