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Overview

Steve Seigel joined Susman Godfrey after clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He graduated from Yale Law School, where he served as a submissions editor for the *Yale Journal on Regulation* and represented veterans as part of his work with Yale's Veterans Legal Services Clinic. He received his undergraduate degree *cum laude* from Williams College.

Seigel's most recent litigation success was in [*Jibe Audio LLC et al. v. Beats Electronics et al.*](#) where he was an important part of a 5-person trial team that secured a \$25+ million jury verdict for client Steven Lamar in a breach of contract action for unpaid royalties owed by Beats Electronics, Jimmy Iovine, and Dr. Dre, relating to Mr. Lamar's role in creating Beats' iconic headphones. Siegel's responsibilities at trial included writing and arguing numerous motions, including issue-dispositive motions (nonsuit), motions to exclude witnesses, *in limine* motions, offers of proof, and numerous bench briefs during trial (on evidentiary issues, witness issues, and others) and drafting, negotiating, and successfully defending the jury instructions and verdict form. This matter attracted national interest and was picked up by well-known media outlets such as the [*New York Times*](#), [*The Guardian*](#), [*Billboard*](#), [*Bloomberg*](#), [*Hollywood Reporter*](#), [*NY Daily News*](#), and the [*San Diego Union Tribune*](#).

Prior to law school, Steve worked as a consultant in the field of international economic development, focusing on anti-corruption, public administration, and rule of law reform in conflict-prone states.

Education

Williams College, B.A., 2004
Yale Law School, J.D., 2014

Clerkship

Law Clerk to Judge David S. Tatel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

Law Clerk to Judge James E. Boasberg, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Law Clerk to Judge Richard G. Taranto, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Honors and Distinctions

First Place, Public Contract Law Journal Writing Competition (2014)

Notable Representations

Jibe Audio LLC et al. v. Beats Electronics et al. (Los Angeles Superior Court, CA). Mr. Seigel was an important part of a 5-person trial team that secured a \$25+ million jury verdict for client Steven Lamar in a breach of contract action for unpaid royalties owed by Beats Electronics, Jimmy Iovine, and Dr. Dre, relating to Mr. Lamar's role in creating Beats' iconic headphones. Mr. Lamar initially filed suit against Beats, Mr. Iovine, and Dr. Dre in 2014, claiming that a 2007 agreement between the parties required the defendants to pay a 2% royalty on headphones sold by Beats that embodied the first design that Iovine and Dre used to create Beats' first headphone: the Studio. In 2016, [Susman Godfrey obtained an appellate reversal](#) of the trial court's initial grant of summary judgment in favor of defendants. It then brought the case to verdict in June 2018 after remand. This matter attracted national interest and was picked up by well-known media outlets such as the [New York Times](#), [The Guardian](#), [Billboard](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Hollywood Reporter](#), [NY Daily News](#), and the [San Diego Union Tribune](#).

Carey et al v. E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., et al., (Eastern District of North Carolina) Seigel represents, as co-counsel with Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll, plaintiffs and putative class in a toxic tort class action against DuPont and its spin-off, The Chemours Co., arising out of the companies' illegal discharge of toxic chemicals (including GenX) into the air and water in the Cape Fear River watershed from the Fayetteville Works manufacturing facility. The case is in early stages. Read more about it [here](#).

NetFuel, Inc. Cisco Systems, Inc. (Northern District of California) – Seigel is facing off against Cisco by representing a patent holder in an action alleging infringement of NetFuel's innovative computer network automation patents. The case is in early stages.

Publications

War Claims & Private Security Contractors: The Strategic and Regulatory Benefits of Paying Host-Nation Claims Against U.S. Contractors, 43 Pub. Cont. L.J. 653 (2014)

Community Benefits Agreements in a Union City, 46 Urb. Law. 419 (2014)

Professional Associations and Memberships

State Bar of Washington

State Bar of Maryland

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

