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### *Overview*

Steve Seigel is a trial lawyer with a proven track record representing plaintiffs and defendants across an array of complex subject matters. His portfolio spans intellectual property and patent litigation, breach of contract, environmental torts, ERISA, consumer privacy, and other complex civil and commercial disputes.

Seigel's work ethic, persuasive writing, comfort with technical subject matter, and clarity in oral advocacy have helped his clients secure tens of millions of dollars in settlements and jury verdicts.

Seigel has faced off industry titans including Apple, Samsung, Google, LG Electronics, Cisco, Ford Motor Company, Nissan, General Motors, Tesla, BMW, and Toyota. He has briefed, argued, and won appeals, case-dispositive motions, numerous claim construction battles, and critical discovery disputes. Seigel works hand-in-hand with expert and fact witnesses, and has taken and defended dozens of depositions, eliciting critical admissions from high-level executives and seasoned experts alike.

#### **BACKGROUND**

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.

A graduate of Yale Law School, Seigel 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.

Prior to law school, Seigel worked as an international development consultant, advising foreign ministries, and regional and local governments on anti-corruption, public administration, and rule of law reform in countries including

Afghanistan, Sudan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, and the Dominican Republic

## Notable Representations

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### Representative Cases

- ***Ethanol Boosting Systems, LLC et al. v. Ford Motor Co.*** (D. Del.) Won appeal at the Federal Circuit on behalf of Ethanol Boosting Systems, the inventors of groundbreaking engine technology whose patented inventions are allegedly being infringed by Ford Motor Company's manufacture and sale of engines and fuel systems that combine direct and port injection. After an oral argument by Seigel, the CAFC vacated a judgment of non-infringement against Ford Motor Co., remanding the suit to District Court to review Ford's engines in light of the patent's claims as properly construed. Read more in Law360, Reuters, and IPWatchDog.
- ***Jibe Audio LLC et al. v. Beats Electronics et al.*** (Cal. Super. Ct.) Secured a \$25+ million jury verdict and \$10 million in fees 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. During trial, Seigel wrote and successfully argued issue-dispositive motions, motions to exclude witnesses, *in limine* motions, offers of proof, and other mid-trial motions on evidentiary issues, witness issues, jury instructions, and verdict forms. *Seigel also successfully briefed and argued his client's motion for attorneys' fees, obtaining a win of nearly \$10 million in attorneys' fees in addition to the successful jury verdict.* The case later settled on confidential terms. It attracted national interest and was picked up by well-known media outlets such as the *New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Billboard*, *Bloomberg*, *The Hollywood Reporter*, *NY Daily News*, and the *San Diego Union Tribune*.
- ***Ancora Technologies, Inc. v. LG Electronics and Samsung Electronics*** (W.D. Tex.) Represented the inventor and patent owner in a patent infringement action relating to over-the-air update technology. Successfully briefed and argued claim construction issues and defeated case-dispositive motion for summary judgment. Both cases against LG and Samsung were settled on confidential terms on the eve of trial. Read more in Law360 (LG), Law360 (Samsung).
- ***Arigna Technology Limited v. Nissan Motor Co. et al.*** (E.D. Tex.) Represented Arigna Technology Ltd. in a patent infringement action against automakers and component manufacturers in cases concerning semiconductor technology used in automotive radar components and power inverters as well as automotive engine control units. Successfully defeated case-dispositive motions. Cases were settled on confidential terms on the eve of trial.

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- ***International Business Machines Corp. v. Zillow Group Inc.*** (Fed. Cir.): After an [oral argument by Seigel](#), won appeal at the Federal Circuit for online real estate marketplace company, Zillow. The Federal Circuit's [decision](#) affirmed the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington's judgment invalidating two of IBM's patents under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Coverage provided by [Bloomberg Law](#) and [Law360](#).
- ***Carey v. E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. and the Chemours Company FC, LLC.*** (E.D.N.C.) Representing a certified class of residents and property-holders suing DuPont and Chemours for contaminating their homes and drinking water supplies with per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS (known as "forever chemicals"). Seigel has successfully briefed and argued critical motions, including [class certification](#), class appointment, [motions to dismiss](#), and frequent discovery disputes. On **November 17, 2023**, Seigel succeeded before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, which unanimously rejected DuPont's and Chemours' petition to appeal the lower court's October 4, 2023 order granting Plaintiffs' motion for class certification, as reported by [Bloomberg](#). The case has attracted national media attention and received write-ups in [Law360](#), [Reuters](#), [WECT](#), the [Triangle Business Journal](#), [Law.com](#), and [StarNews](#).
- ***DaVita Inc. v. St. Joseph's/Candler Health Sys., Inc.*** (Ga. Super. Ct.) Defended a leading health system in Savannah, Georgia (St. Joseph's / Candler Health Systems), in a breach of contract lawsuit brought by a dialysis company for alleged underpayments associated with dialysis treatments. Successfully briefed a motion to compel that secured an order granting discovery under a theory of relevance and contractual interpretation favorable to client's case. The matter has been resolved.
- ***NetFuel Inc. v. Cisco Systems, Inc.*** (N.D. Cal.) Represented the inventor and patent owner in a patent infringement action relating to routing and switching technologies. Successfully briefed and argued claim construction issues and defeated case-dispositive motion for summary judgment. Case settled on confidential terms before trial.
- ***Monarch Networking Solutions LLC v. Juniper Networks, Inc.*** (N.D. Cal) Representing patent owner in case against Juniper Networks, Inc. for infringing patents relating to packet-switched networks.
- First Place, Public Contract Law Journal Writing Competition (2014)

## *Honors & Distinctions*

## *Clerkships*

Honorable David S. Tatel, United States District Court for the District of Columbia

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Honorable James E. Boasberg, United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Honorable Richard G. Taranto, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

## *Education*

**Williams College** (B.A., , 2004)

**Yale Law School** (J.D., , 2014)

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## *Admissions*

### **Bar Admissions**

- Washington
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### **Court Admissions**

- 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
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

## *Wins*

Jury Awards Susman Godfrey Client Steven Lamar \$25.25 Million in Beats Headphone Royalty Dispute