



Sean S. Wooden

Partner

Intellectual Property

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Sean Wooden helps companies large and small develop strategies to protect their intellectual property and avoid infringing others' intellectual property. He represents clients on deals to acquire rights in intellectual property assets, whether by purchase or license, as well as in intellectual property litigation and prosecution. Often, his assistance includes not just drafting agreements, but helping clients analyze and value intellectual property assets.

Protecting IP assets and creating value

For many of Sean's clients, their intellectual property is a central component of the company's value. Sean advises them on how to best protect that value. Methods may be offensive (suing an infringer, challenging a competitor's patent) or cooperative (signing on new licensees, selling or buying a patent). His familiarity with all possible legal tools allows his clients to choose the best path to meet their commercial goals.

Sean has assisted several clients in identifying lucrative business opportunities involving intellectual property. He has helped clients identify and purchase patent portfolios that later sold for a much higher price. He has found flaws in patents a client was looking to buy, helping the client to negotiate a much lower purchase price than originally contemplated. He has also helped clients find third-party funding to sue infringers or otherwise pursue a monetization campaign, addressing the company's concern that infringement litigation would not be cost-effective. In all these ways, Sean uses his knowledge of intellectual property to expand the legal and business possibilities open to his clients.

Sean also has experience dealing with all types of intellectual property and advising clients on how to implement best-practice policies and procedures that maximize the value and strength of their intellectual property assets.

Practices

- Artificial Intelligence
- Corporate
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Litigation and Patents
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity
- Trademark Licensing and Strategy
- Trademarks and Trademark Litigation

Industries

- Energy
- Sports and Sports Facilities
- Technology

Education

- JD, Rutgers School of Law–Camden, *with honors*
- BSEE, Cornell University, College of Engineering

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- New Jersey

Professional & Community Involvement

- International Association of Privacy Professionals

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Representative Experience

- Successfully asserted technology innovator's patent claims against multinational smartphone component supplier.*
- Defended upscale American retailer against plaintiff appeal of summary judgment of non-infringement.*
- Defended provider of infrastructure communications solutions in patent infringement action before the US District Court for the Northern District of California involving cellular and Wi-Fi technology.*
- Defended upscale American retailer in software/business method case before the US District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Obtained summary judgment of non-infringement.*
- Defended online flower delivery service in software business method patent infringement action before the US District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.*
- Defended provider of restaurant business intelligence against alleged patent infringement involving point-of-sale reporting system using the Internet.*
- Defended provider of IA solutions against two patent counterclaims involving web-based certification and accreditation systems.*
- Represented American multinational technology company in three patent counterclaims filed by the client. Also defended against copyright infringement and contract claims arising out of source code contributions to LINUX.*
- Represented provider of sterilization management services as plaintiff in patent infringement claim for an irradiation system before the US District Court for the Central District of California.*

*Experience prior to Katten

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2019

News

- Katten Advises Trinity Hunt Partners' Portfolio Company IMS Legal Strategies on Sale to Uplift Investors (April 8, 2026)

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- Katten Represents Gas Clip in Acquisition by Chimney Rock Equity Partners (March 26, 2026)
- Katten Represents Bel Fuse in Acquisition of dataMate (March 10, 2026)
- Katten Represents Shorehill Capital in Exit of Functional Devices (February 24, 2026)
- Katten Represents Highlander Partners in Acquisition of Tapatio (January 23, 2026)
- Katten Represents IMS Legal Strategies, LLC in Acquisition (December 23, 2025)
- Katten Advises Niteo Products, LLC on Pair of Acquisitions (December 12, 2025)
- Katten Recognized at 7th Annual USA and Global M&A Atlas Awards (December 11, 2025)
- Katten Team Represents Due North in Sale to AeriTek (September 11, 2025)
- Katten Represents Airtron in Acquisition of Viccarone (May 15, 2025)
- Katten Represents Airtron in Acquisition of Tucson Peach (May 14, 2025)
- Katten Team Represents The Av8 Group in Sale to Victor Sierra Aviation Holdings (April 17, 2025)
- Katten Counsels Maxwell Street Capital Partners in Port Jersey Logistics Investment (April 4, 2025)
- Katten Represents HITRUST in Securing Growth Investment From Brighton Park (March 19, 2025)
- Katten Represents Airtron in Acquisition of Sierra Air Conditioning (March 10, 2025)
- Katten Represents Deerfield Management in Take-Private Acquisition of Singular Genomics Systems, Inc. (March 7, 2025)
- Katten Represents Supreme Group in Acquisition of Kadiko (March 6, 2025)
- Katten Restructuring Wins in Seven Categories of *The M&A Advisor's* 19th Annual Turnaround Awards (January 30, 2025)
- Katten Team Represents Moser Holdings, LLC in Agreement to Sell Subsidiary to Atlas Energy Solutions Inc. (January 28, 2025)

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- Katten Advises Highlander Partners in The Ergo Baby Carrier Purchase (January 2, 2025)
- Katten Team Represents Perdoceo Education Corporation in Acquisition of University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (December 20, 2024)
- Katten Represents Highlander Partners in McIntosh Group Sale to Bose Corporation (November 22, 2024)
- Katten Team Represents Investment Group in Acquisition of Tampa Bay Lightning Stake (November 1, 2024)
- Katten Represents Pfingsten Partners in Sale of RapidAir to Gryphon Investors (October 23, 2024)
- Katten Represents Highlander Partners in SFERRA Acquisition of Antica Farmacista (September 12, 2024)
- Katten Represents POWER Engineers, Incorporated in Sale to WSP Global Inc. (August 13, 2024)
- Katten Scores Dismissal of Patent Docketing Contractor From Lawsuit Regarding Missed IP Deadline (April 16, 2024)
- Katten Represents Shorehill in Sale of Power Grid Components to Blackstone (December 14, 2023)
- Katten Guides Computing Firm's \$45M Deal To Buy Tech Biz | *Law360* (December 13, 2023)
- Katten Named 2024 'Law Firm of the Year' for Trademark Law by Best Law Firms® (November 2, 2023)
- Katten Represents Cubii in a Strategic Growth Investment from Gridiron Capital (October 7, 2020)
- Katten represents Highlander Partners in purchase of top pork rind producer (August 8, 2019)
- Katten Praised in The Legal 500 United States 2019 Guide (June 11, 2019)
- Sean Wooden Featured in *Texas Lawyer* (March 9, 2018)
- Katten Brings on IP Partner to Assist New Dallas Corporate Team (March 1, 2018)

Publications

- *The Katten Kattwalk/Kattison Avenue* | Issue 4 (Winter 2025)

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Presentations and Events

- Investing for Tomorrow: Health Care Institutions as Investors, Strategic Investment Partners and Entrepreneurs – Part 2 (January 9, 2024)
- Brand Activation Legal Committee Meeting (December 16, 2021)
- ORCHSE Strategies Meeting (October 26, 2021) | *Presenter | Legal Consideration When Using Artificial Intelligence: Health Care as a Case Study*
- Intellectual Property-Related Issues in Health Care Artificial Intelligence (May 5, 2021) | *Speaker*
- Village Capital Health: US 2015 (November 4, 2015) | *Presenter | Intellectual Property Issues for Startups*
- Techstars Austin Chapter (August 30, 2013) | *Presenter | Intellectual Property Issues for Startups*
- Nation Council of Entrepreneurial Tech Transfer (April 24, 2008) | *Presenter and Moderator | Lecture 2: Copyright and Trademarks*
- WIREC 2008 Official Side Event (March 6, 2008) | *Panelist | Legal Considerations and Strategies for Cleantech Start-ups*
- Clean Energy Venture Summit (May 14, 2007) | *Panelist | Legal Considerations and Strategies for Cleantech Start-ups*