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## Intellectual Property Group Of The Year: Gibson Dunn

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*Law360 (February 10, 2026, 4:04 PM EST)* -- Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP attorneys broke new ground in intellectual property matters last year, successfully defending Cisco in three big-dollar patent infringement cases and prevailing in a trademark dispute at the U.S. Supreme Court, earning the firm a place among the 2025 Law360 Intellectual Property Groups of the Year.

From getting a directed verdict out of U.S. District Judge Alan Albright in favor of Cisco in a patent suit by Corrigent, to persuading a Federal Circuit panel to undo an injunction blocking Sun Pharmaceutical's alopecia drug the same day it heard oral arguments, Gibson Dunn's IP group obtained several rare rulings in 2025.

The firm's attorneys delight in such wins, according to Brian Rosenthal, a member of the IP practice.

"We love being the first to do something, we love breaking new ground," he told Law360.

The attorneys getting these results are the 100 or so lawyers in the core IP team, along with the many others who contribute to IP cases, according to Kate Dominguez, co-chair of the practice group. They're located in the firm's U.S. offices, from California to New York, as well as some offices overseas, according to her.

It's these attorneys and their work that makes the group special, Dominguez said.

"We're really super blessed to have teams where every single team member is contributing to the win," she said.

Josh Krevitt, a co-chair of the practice group, said the IP practice is a focus area for the firm. It's one of the core practice areas at Gibson Dunn, and it's "absolutely a focus in terms of number of people, geographic spread, resource devotion," and the group takes on major clients in high-stakes litigation.

"It's one of our key premier practice areas," Krevitt added.

And compared to other IP groups, which firms might offer as an add-on service for preexisting clients, Gibson Dunn's practice is its own powerhouse, according to Rosenthal. It's there to provide IP services to firm clients working with other groups, but it has plenty of its own business, he said.

"It is its own thriving, independent, very contributive practice," Krevitt said.



One of the practice's notable wins last year was actually a series of trial victories defending Cisco from patent infringement claims in Texas and Delaware. In January, Western District of Texas Judge Albright ended Corrigent Corp.'s \$121 million infringement case against Cisco over a communications network patent, taking the rare step of issuing a directed verdict from the bench rather than sending the case to the jury.

Then in February, Cisco beat a patent infringement lawsuit from WSOU Investments, when jurors found Cisco had commercialized the accused features of its technology before the patent's priority date. And in June, a Delaware federal jury cleared Cisco-owned security software company Duo Security Inc. in CosmoKey Solutions' patent suit against it. That jury also found the claims were invalid, and that Duo had commercially used the relevant technology.

Gibson Dunn's successful defense of Cisco was notable because the company avoided hundreds of millions of dollars in damages. The way those cases ended was also noteworthy, given the rarity of directed verdicts and the fact that the CosmoKey case resulted in a jury finding of prior commercial use, which the firm says is the first time a jury has reached such a finding.

For Gibson Dunn and Cisco, the three cases came in quick succession, which was thrilling for the attorneys working them.

"It was very exciting to sort of context switch and go from one trial, one technology, one group of witnesses, one group of in-house lawyers, to then two weeks later being with someone else," Rosenthal said, adding that "you really get to get close to your client when you're living in the trenches with them for three months of the year in rapid succession."

Another Gibson Dunn client, Sun Pharma, got the Federal Circuit to reverse an injunction blocking it from launching its alopecia drug Leqselvi the same day the court heard oral arguments in the case. At the April 2025 hearing, Chief U.S. Circuit Judge Kimberly A. Moore told Sun, "You won," and the order vacating the judgment came out less than an hour later.

Like the directed verdict, it's not every day that an appeals court takes prompt action following oral arguments. The decision also clears the way for Sun to go to market with its alopecia treatment.

"And that was important because there was an injunction in place which was keeping a new, innovative, very important drug off the market," Krevitt said.

Rosenthal said it's a pleasure to work with the firm's appellate team, which he said is one of the best in the business. That team was at work in the *Dewberry Group v. Dewberry Engineers* case at the Supreme Court, which in February 2025 vacated an award that reached nearly \$47 million against Dewberry Group in a trademark dispute between the companies.

"When we have IP cases that go up to the federal courts ... it's just such a luxury to have the appellate talent that we do to help us," Rosenthal said.

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