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Elliot litigates patent, trademark, and copyright disputes before the U.S. district courts, the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and the International Trade Commission to protect clients' valuable intellectual property portfolios.

Elliot brings a disciplined, cost-conscious approach to intellectual property litigation that is designed to resolve disputes as efficiently as possible — without sacrificing results. Elliot represents clients in patent infringement litigation before the International Trade Commission (ITC), in inter partes review (IPR) and other post-grant proceedings before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), and in U.S. district courts across the country, including in Utah, California, Delaware, Tennessee, Minnesota, and Texas. He also litigates trademark and copyright disputes both domestically and internationally.

Elliot's practice is built around a straightforward philosophy: where litigation is necessary, thoughtful early discovery and motion practice can dramatically reduce both the duration and the cost of a dispute. That means clients benefit from a lawyer who is always looking for the earliest off-ramp to the client's desired outcome — whether through a pre-discovery dismissal, a well-timed summary judgment motion, or a settlement reached before the most expensive phases of litigation begin. When a client's interests are better served by enforcing intellectual property rights outside of federal court, Elliot has helped clients do that as well, including through UDRP processes, arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution means.

Elliot's post-grant patent work includes successfully canceling every asserted patent claim through IPR on behalf of a defendant, as well as successfully defending more than 20 redundant IPRs filed against a client's patent portfolio, which was later successfully enforced in front of a West Texas jury.

Education

- Cornell University (J.D., 2013)
- Brigham Young University (B.A., 2010)

Bar Admissions

- California
- Utah

Select Experience

- Secured favorable settlement of copyright infringement claim for unlicensed use of client's video footage in a music video
- Secured through UDRP arbitration the reassignment of web domain infringing client's registered trademark
- Secured on appeal to the Federal Circuit a reversal of a summary judgment decision (false advertising)
- Secured pre-trial settlement for respondent in ITC investigation of infringement of more than 20 claims in related patents (child carrier products)

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Courts for the Central, Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of California
- U.S. District Court for the District of Utah
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

Professional Affiliations

- Immigration: Safe Haven Award recipient; assisted DACA applicants secure protected status
- Election Protection: drafted jurisdictional rights summaries to assist voters; managed call-in center for voting-day rights disputes
- Identity theft: Assisted former foster child dealing with institutional identity theft and resulting tax burden

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch in America*, Intellectual Property Law, Intellectual Property Litigation, Patent Litigation, 2024 – 2027
- *IAM Patent 1000*, "World's Leading Patent Practitioners," 2025-2026

Languages

- Norwegian

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