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With an engineering background and experience as in-house counsel for a leading technology company, Shaun Zhang employs legal acumen, technical precision, and a trained business sense when handling his clients' high-stakes issues, such as patent infringement, trade secret misappropriation, cybersecurity and data privacy matters, and other complex commercial disputes.

An experienced litigator and trusted advisor, Shaun first-chairs cases that often involve deep scientific and technical subject matter. Clients across a range of industries value his ability to dissect complex issues and distill them into clear and compelling arguments.

Clients also draw on Shaun's courtroom experience, technical ability, and industry perspective to advise on their intellectual property strategy and guide them on IP issues arising in corporate deals, licensing engagements, and technology transactions.

With a proven track record of pro bono and community leadership, Shaun is passionate about serving his community and advancing a more inclusive legal profession.

EXPERIENCE

Representative Engagements

- Defending large health care systems in patent-infringement cases in the Eastern District of Texas. After a rare motion-to-dismiss victory on patent-eligibility grounds, the cases are stayed pending plaintiffs' appeal to the Federal Circuit.
- Representing public and private companies in mass tort litigations related to radioactive materials originating with the Manhattan Project.
- Defending global real estate services company in an action alleging violations of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA).
- Won several Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP) disputes on behalf of energy company in response to cybersquatting and spoofing attempts.
- Obtained a favorable resolution on behalf of a leading medical device manufacturer in a patent infringement case after a string of victories at IPR, claim construction, and discovery hearings.
- Retained by Fortune 10 technology leader and other major companies to advise on patent strategy, including conducting analysis for litigation, licensing, patent acquisitions, and negotiations.
- Represented a technology innovator in multiple patent-infringement suits in the Eastern District of Texas and the Central District of California. After sweeping victories on summary-judgment, *Daubert*, and pre-trial motions, Shaun's team secured a historically favorable result on the eve of the first trial.
- Defended Fortune 5 consumer-electronics company in a case in the District of Delaware involving breach of contract, patent, and trade secret claims relating to the design of wide-angle camera lenses. After securing early wins on a motion to dismiss certain claims, Shaun's team obtained a stipulation of dismissal of all contract and trade secret claims with prejudice.

- Represented major professional sports league in a patent, trade-secret, and contract matter relating to the display of video graphics in the Southern District of New York.
- Defended leading financial technology company in a patent-infringement case in the Western District of Texas involving automated payment technology. After uncovering new claim construction arguments, secured favorable resolution for the client.
- Defended major professional sports league and major streaming service provider in a patent-infringement action involving video streaming technology. After developing patent-eligibility defenses, obtained an early dismissal of all claims.
- Represented Fortune 5 consumer-electronics company in several patent-infringement cases in the Northern District of California relating to telecommunications, user-interface, computer-security, and battery technologies. Shaun's team secured complete victory in multiple cases based on constitutional standing grounds.
- Defended Fortune 5 consumer-electronics company in a patent-infringement dispute relating to digital-mapping technologies. The matter resolved immediately after the East Texas court issued its *Markman* order that provided the client with several new non-infringement arguments.
- Represented market-leading technology, chemical, and industrial company in patent infringement suits in the District of Nevada and the District of Delaware concerning touch-screen technology.
- Represented market-leading medical device manufacturer in patent infringement suits concerning medical waste technology and endoscopic camera designs.
- Represented a Fortune 100 chemical manufacturer in thousands of environmental and products liability claims in state and federal courts nationwide relating to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). These claims were brought by individuals, municipalities, and states alleging groundwater contamination and personal injury as individual claims, consolidated proceedings, and class actions.

CREDENTIALS

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2013
- Student Body President
- Washington Law Reporter Prize
- Dean's Certificate for Exceptional Service
- Cooke Scholar

Georgia Institute of Technology, B.S., Materials Science and Engineering, 2010, *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

Georgia
Illinois
Virginia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Professional Memberships

Asian American Bar Association of Greater Chicago
Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association
Law360, Georgia Editorial Advisory Board (2025-2026)
Leadership Council on Legal Diversity
City Lead, Atlanta, GA (2025-2027)
Intellectual Property Owner's Association
Membership Committee (2021-2023)
U.S. Patent Law Committee, Vice Chair (2018-2022)
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
IP Committee, Subcommittee Co-Chair
The Richard Linn American Inn of Court (2018-2024)

Honors & Awards

Legal 500 Chicago Elite (Intellectual Property - Contentious, 2026)
Illinois Emerging Lawyer in Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property Law, Patent Law, and Trade Secrets/Unfair Competition Law, *Law Bulletin Media Leading Lawyers* (2024-2026)
Illinois Rising Star in Intellectual Property Litigation, *Super Lawyers* (2021-2026)
IP Stars Rising Star, *Managing Intellectual Property Magazine* (2018-2025)
Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), Fellow (2023)
40 Under 40, *Georgia Tech Alumni Association* (2021)
35 Under 35 Leader Making an Impact, *Chicago Scholars Foundation* (2019)
Promising Professional, *Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers* (2018)
Game Changers Award, *Hewlett Packard Enterprise Office of the General Counsel* (2016)

Languages Spoken & Fluency

Mandarin Chinese, Native Speaking

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

"Shifting Tides in Patent Litigation: Key Developments for 2026 and Beyond," (co-author) *RSHC Client Alert* (September 2, 2026)
"FAA Proposes Part 108: A New Framework for 'Beyond Visual Line of Sight' Drone Operations," (co-author) *RSHC Client Alert* (August 6, 2026)
"Legal Challenges and Opportunities at the Intersection of AI Data Centers and Power Infrastructure," (co-author) *RSHC Insight* (February 20, 2025)
"PFAS Regulations Enter the Beauty Industry Spotlight," (co-author) *RSHC Insight* (February 10, 2025)

"Secrets to Making Partner," (moderator) Chicago Asian Pacific American Lawyers Summit (2022)

"One Year Later: Business Impacts of the Pandemic and Remote Work from Perspectives of IP Counsel," (moderator) NAPABA Webinar (2021)

In-House Counsel and Law Firm Lawyers Networking Reception, (panelist) Asian American Bar Association (2019)

"How Different Are the Broadest Reasonable Interpretation and *Phillips* Claim Construction Standards?," (author) IPO Law Journal (July 27, 2018) (cited by the USPTO in Federal Register Vol. 83, No. 197)

"From BRI to *Phillips* at the PTAB: Consequences for Practice," (panelist) IPO Chat Channel (2018)

"Protecting Your Inventions in a World of Pirates and Trolls," (presenter) Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, Midwest Conference (2018)

"The Secret Lives of In-House Patent Counsel," (moderator) NAPABA Central Regional Conference (2017)

"How to Become a Trusted Advisor," (panelist) Illinois State Bar Association, CLE Conference (2017)

"IPR at Supreme Court: Inside Cuozzo Oral Arguments," (author) *Law360* (April 28, 2016)

"Superhydrophobic and Low Light Reflectivity Silicon Surfaces Fabricated by Hierarchical Etching," (author) *Langmuir* (August 19, 2008)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Law Foundation Board Member (2025 – Present)

Georgetown Law Alumni Board, Member (2023 – Present)

Asian American Bar Association Law Foundation, Treasurer and Board Member (2016 – Present)

Chicago Council for the American Writers Museum, President and Board Member (2018-2022)

Alzheimer's Association of Chicago, Junior Board Member (2018-2021)

Chicago Scholars Foundation, Associate Board Member (2018-2020)

Street Law, Inc., HP Team Lead (2013-2016)

Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, Sponsors Chair and Volunteer (2010-2013)