

LIST OF COURT CASES ATTENDED IN RECENT YEARS

MY INTERVIEW IN THE DECEMBER 2020 ISSUE OF LAWYER MONTHLY PUBLICATION:

<https://www.lawyer-monthly.com/2020/11/how-a-tiny-fibre-can-change-a-murder-case/>

CASE 1: Leman's Corp (Plaintiff) Vs United States (Defendants). The case focused on disputed import duty structure for protective motor cycle apparel imported from Asia - Worked for Defendants (US Department of Commerce).

Attorney: Alexander Vanderweide; Civil Division Trial Attorney, US Dept. of Justice

CASE 2: State of Georgia (Plaintiff) Vs Noberto Mojica (Defendant). This is a criminal case which involved fiber evidence (use of fiber based rope and fiber shedding garments to commit murder) – Worked for Plaintiff

Attorney: Jenny Lubinsky; State Attorney, State of Georgia

CASE 3: US Air Force (Plaintiff) Vs Derm Buro Inc. (Defendant). The case involved the failure during use of an anti-gravity suit worn by fighter plane pilots – Worked for Defendant

Attorney: Deposition or court room testimony was not needed for this case because it was settled outside the court room. Worked mainly to analyze the product and gather performance data of the product.

CASE 4: Outside the Box Innovations (Plaintiff) Vs The Rooster Group (Defendants). The case dealt with patent violation claims on the design of soft tool bags – Worked for the Defendant

Attorneys: Joel Myers; Myers & Kaplan Intellectual Property Law, P. C.

CASE 5: Jamie Bouchard (Plaintiff) Vs Outer Space Sports (Defendant) – Worked for the Plaintiff. The case argued about the improper design of a protective motor cycle jacket. The argument was that the jacket melted under frictional drag forces, causing third degree burn injuries to the wearer

Attorney: Tom Holbird; Tom Holbird, P. C.

CASE 6: R. C. Fabric Inc. (Plaintiff) Vs Hip and Hip Inc. (Defendant) – Worked for Plaintiff. This case argued that the actual specifications of certain imported sports-wear apparel did not confirm to the originally agreed to set of specifications.

Attorney: Stephen Truppe; SBC Global, Inc.

CASE 7: Slaughter (Plaintiff) Vs Ford Motor Company (Defendant) – This case focused on the alleged short-comings in the seat-belt design which caused death/severe injury to the passengers - Worked for Plaintiff

Attorneys: Warshauer; Warshauer, Thomas, Thornton and Rogers, P. C.

CASE 8: State of Georgia (Plaintiff) Vs Dale McKenzie (Defendant) -- This case involved fiber evidence in support of a murder accusation. Worked for the plaintiff

Attorney: Ed Vaughn; State Attorney, State of Georgia

CASE 9: Geladon (Plaintiff) Vs Tube Tex Inc. (Defendant). This case focused on the alleged inadequacy of the safety features of patented manufacturing equipment that are expected to prevent injuries to the operators. Worked for plaintiff
Attorneys: Ronald Rodman; Friedman, Rodman and Frank P. A.

CASE 10: Angela Johnson (Plaintiff) Vs Jiffy Lube (Defendant). This case was concerned with the personal injury to the plaintiff caused by a slick surface. Worked for the plaintiff.
Attorneys: Cash, Krugler & Fredericks, Atlanta, GA 30342. I was not involved in testimony or deposition. My role was limited to producing a test report after testing the oil stained clothing.

CASE 11: Clayton Miller (Plaintiff) Vs Universal fibers (Defendant). This case argued that the quality of the yarn supplied by the defendant differed from what was agreed to in the mutually accepted contract. Worked for the plaintiff. The dispute settled out of court.
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CASE 12: Walden (Plaintiff) Vs Children's Apparel, Inc. (Defendant). This case is a product liability suit related to fire safety of flame retardant treated clothing. Worked for the plaintiff. Case was settled outside the court room
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My participation involved independent analysis of fiber evidence and flame retardancy and providing testimony in Camden County court located in Woodbine, GA.

Case 14.

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Service Provided: Expert opinion on the classification of polyacrylate fiber. Analyzed the monomers and polymerization reaction to assess the composition of acrylonitrile groups in the fiber. Based on this analysis, I concluded that polyacrylate fiber cannot be classified in the category of “modacrylic” fibers.

Case 15.

Attorneys: Cynthia Lee and Eric Mauer

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Dispute: Alleged patent violation involving the design of cooling towels– Provided expert services on behalf of Grabber, Inc, defendants in a patent related dispute involving cooling towels with a brushed soft surface. The towels were marketed to athletes participating in competitive sports events as comfort products.

CASE 16:

Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP

Attorney: Robert Guites (Partner)

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Litigation: Cascade Yarns (Defendant) Vs Knitting Fever (Plaintiff). Worked for the plaintiff

Dispute: Country of origin of hand knit yarns- Branded yarns that were marked as made in Spain and Italy are disputed as Chinese made yarns.

CASE 17:

Coppedge & Evans, P. C., Dalton, GA 30720

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Worked for Plaintiff, Tai Pings Carpet

Dispute involved time bound variations in the quality and performance of cushioned backing materials manufactured under three different brand names using three different material compositions. I have analyzed the composition and certain performance characteristics of backing materials produced at different intervals.

CASE 18:

MBN Law, Inc.

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The case focused on alleged violation of trade secrets associated with certain manufacturing technologies for rubber backed floor mats. I have assisted the defendant who was represented by MBN Law, Inc.

CASE 19:

Valdez Law Group, Inc.

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The case involved a dispute between an apparel supplier located in California and an apparel manufacturer located in one of the South American countries. The apparel supplier claimed compensation from the apparel manufacturer based on certain defects found in the finished apparel. The apparel manufacturer argued that the defects were present in the original fabric supplied by the apparel distributor. I have provided expert testimony in the case in front of an arbitration panel

CASE 20:

Carroll McNulty & Kull

Matthew J. Lodge / Joshua Wirtshfater

New Jersey, NJ 07920

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The case involved damage claims on several hundred fabric rolls stored in a warehouse which also housed other materials, including some fabric processing equipment. I assisted the law firm which represented the insurance company. I have analyzed the construction of fabrics taken from a randomly picked set of rolls and estimated the dollar value of the fabric contained in each

role. I also determined if there is any significant damage to the surface layers of the fabric contained by each roll.

CASE 21:

Bryan Cave, LLP

Alexander Walden / Frank Fabiani

New York, NY 10104

212-541-2000

The case involved alleged patent infringement claims and counter claims for patent invalidation through *Inter Partes* review procedure. I have assisted the attorneys who represented the patent owners for performance pillows, engineered pillow covers and high performance mattresses.

CASE 22:

Hayden Willis Law, LLC

Hayden Willis

Moultrie, GA 31768

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The parties involved in this case were the state of Georgia and an individual who has been accused of murder and theft. The case involved fiber evidence which was presented by the state as possible support for the accusation. I have assisted the defense attorneys who represented the individual who has been accused of the above charges.

CASE 23:

Sheppard Mullin

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This case was focused on alleged violation of a patented design for a warp knit fabric. I have assisted the defendants to prove that there is no patent violation involved.

CASE 24:

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This case related to the design of a limb encircling therapeutic compression device (a textile structure used for healing and therapeutic purposes). I have assisted the law firm which represented the defendants.

CASE 25:

James Robson

Pinkerton & Laws of Georgia Inc.

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This case was a civil action suit arising from a personal injury to an individual. I represented the plaintiff.

CASE 26:

Abraham Feinstein Hillsman

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This case involved bodily injury to an individual as a result of the unexpected failure of a high performance HDPE rope used in deep sea fishing and marine operations. I represented the plaintiff.

CASE 27:

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This case focused on a class action litigation involving the labeling and advertising of household textile products including bedding materials. I am representing the defendant.

CASE 28:

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This is an ongoing litigation which deals with a heavy equipment related accident that resulted in the death of the operator. I am representing the plaintiff.

CASE 29:

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This case focused on alleged violation of a patented design for a hosiery fabric. I have assisted the defendants to prove that there is no patent violation involved.

CASE 30:

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This is an ongoing case which deals with supposed smoke damage to clothing materials. I am representing the defendant.

CASE 31:

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This case involved the death of three individuals and severe burn injuries to the fourth as a result of getting trapped in the interior of a shed that erupted in flames. The case argues that the presence of allegedly flammable building materials in the walls and ceiling caused the tragedy.

CASE 32:

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This is a patent litigation involving textile structures designed to serve as shoe uppers.

CASE 33:

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This litigation focused on the performance and durability properties of A knitted face mask fabric

CASE 34:

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This case focuses on the fire-retardant performance of work wear that has been exposed to water.

CASE 35:

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This is an ongoing case related to flammable fiber and polymer materials

CASE 36:

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This is an ongoing case involving flammable fiber and polymer materials