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Doran Satanove is a litigation associate in the New York office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He is a member of the firm's Trade Secrets, Intellectual Property, Media, Entertainment and Technology, and Labor And Employment Practice Groups.

His practice is focused on trade secrets litigation and other intellectual property matters (including patent, copyright, and trademark disputes) impacting media, entertainment, and technology companies, as well as general breach of contract matters, and those pertaining to employee defection, competition, and restrictive covenants. He has litigated numerous high-stakes commercial cases relating to these matters in federal and state courts from coast to coast, and at all phases of litigation, including trial. Doran has particularly significant experience drafting and arguing dispositive and discovery motions, first- and second-chairing numerous depositions, and leading offensive and defensive written and document discovery efforts. He also has experience leading forensic investigations into trade secret-related matters, as well as data privacy matters. Doran also regularly counsels clients on trade secrets, false advertising, and trademark issues in the digital advertising, technology, and life sciences spaces.

Doran has been recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Entertainment and Sports Law (2024-2025).

Recent representative matters include:

- Representing Archer Aviation in a closely watched, high-stakes trade secrets case, in which Gibson Dunn previously secured the denial of a preliminary injunction against Archer.
- Representing a precision oncology company in a high-stakes patent inventorship, trade secret, and contract dispute.
- Representing Apple Inc. in a high-stakes patent inventorship and trade secrets dispute relating to the Apple Watch.
- Representing DirecTV (AT&T subsidiary) in a class action suit asserting claims under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act.
- Member of the trial team that achieved a complete victory for AMC on all issues tried in a first phase bench trial in Los Angeles, in a long-running profit participation and breach of contract litigation concerning the television series, *The Walking Dead*. Represented AMC in related profit participation and breach of contract litigations in New York.
- Securing a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction on behalf of a technology start-up asserting breach of restrictive covenants and trade secret claims against a former employee.
- Securing summary judgment on willfulness damages in three copyright



Capabilities

Litigation
Intellectual Property
Labor and Employment
Life Sciences
Media, Entertainment, and Technology
Technology Litigation
Trade Secrets
Trials

Credentials

Education

New York University - 2017 Juris Doctor
McGill University - 2014 Bachelor of Science

Admissions

New York Bar

Clerkships

USDC, Southern District of New York, Hon. Ronnie Abrams, 2018 - 2019

infringement lawsuits, on behalf of Apple, Inc., resulting in plaintiffs voluntarily dismissing all three cases with prejudice

- Securing dismissal with prejudice of a trade secrets dispute brought against Oath Holdings, Inc., a subsidiary of the Verizon Media Group.
- Securing dismissal of trade secret and hacking-related claims against an international strategic consultancy firm.
- Securing a motion to compel arbitration in a trade secrets suit filed against a clinical stage gene therapy company.
- Securing a closure without conditions of a non-public FTC investigation related to a top social networking company's use of consumer information.
- Achieving a favorable settlement on behalf of a digital advertising and technology company defending against breach of contract and trade secret misappropriation claims.
- Achieving a favorable settlement on behalf of a digital advertising and technology company, asserting breach of loyalty and contractual interference claims against a former employee and its competing business.

Doran also maintains an active *pro bono* practice. He recently argued and secured a reversal from the Appellate Division of New York (First Department), in *Stevens v. New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services*, resulting in the annulment of New York's familial DNA search regulations. He has also drafted numerous *amicus curiae* briefs on immigration law matters before the United States Supreme Court, and helped secure a favorable settlement on behalf of a non-profit dedicated to protecting the rights of the migrant farmworker community, in a First Amendment lawsuit against the federal government.

From 2018 to 2019, Doran served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ronnie Abrams of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

He received his Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, from New York University School of Law 2017, and was elected to the Order of the Coif. During his final year of law school, he served as an extern to the Honorable Dennis Jacobs of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Doran earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacology, with First Class Honours, from McGill University.

Publications:

- Co-Author, *COVID-19 News Defamation Claims Are Unlikely To Succeed*, Law360 (May 4, 2020)
- Author, *The Challenging Economics of the Companion Diagnostics Industry: A Compelling Case for Invigorated Patent Protection*, 6 N.Y.U. J. Intell. Prop. & Ent. L. 142 (2016)

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