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Rising Star: Gibson Dunn's Jaysen Chung

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Law360 (July 14, 2024, 8:02 PM EDT) -- Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP's Jaysen Chung has represented numerous big name clients — such as Pfizer, Dell and Apple — in successful patent litigation throughout his career, earning him a spot among the intellectual property law practitioners under age 40 honored by Law360 as Rising Stars.

The biggest case of his career:

Chung told Law360 that the biggest case he has worked on was representing Pfizer and Merck KGaA unit EMD Serono Inc. in litigation that made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

There, the justices shot down Biogen's bid to overturn Pfizer's victory challenging a patent for Biogen's blockbuster multiple sclerosis treatment Avonex.

He said he was part of a small team that went to trial, which went on for weeks and covered a range of issues.

"I am not sure I will see another case like this in my career, and the professional and personal memories associated with this case will last a lifetime," Chung said.

Another big case he's worked on recently:

He was the head on a day-to-day basis in a long litigation, where U.S. District Judge Alan Albright granted a motion for a directed verdict by Gibson Dunn-represented Dell, its EMC unit and VMware, which spun off from Dell, on the third day of the trial. The case is believed to be the first time Judge Albright has issued a directed verdict since taking the bench in 2018, according to the firm.

"The outcome of trial came down to a ruling from the court that the plaintiff had not adduced evidence of infringement on which a reasonable jury could





Jaysen Chung Gibson Dunn

Age: 39 Home base: San Francisco Position: Partner Law school: University of Southern California's Gould School of Law First job after law school: Associate at Covington & Burling return a verdict of infringement," Chung said.

What motivates him:

He said his biggest concern is getting top results for the entities he represents.

"In addition to that, it is my colleagues at Gibson Dunn who motivate me," he said. "They are top class litigators and brilliant strategists, but also — and perhaps most importantly — good and kind people."

Other notable cases he has worked on:

Chung said he has also represented Archer Aviation in a legal fight over trade secrets with a rival.

There, Archer Aviation and rival Wisk, Boeing's air taxi unit, announced last year that they have settled a vigorously litigated trade secret and patent infringement dispute, resolving the legal fight that was set to go to a California federal jury trial.

"It was gratifying to put that knowledge and hard work to use in this case, where the court agreed with us that the claims were patent-eligible and significantly narrowed this important case for the client," he said.

Proudest moment as an attorney:

Chung said he didn't have just one proud moment, but he enjoys every time one of his co-workers sees a successful outcome in a case.

"I was in a trial [recently] where one of my colleagues conducted an exceptional cross-examination of the other side's technical expert — which was truly inspiring," he said. "I am also proud whenever I see younger lawyers on our teams having the opportunity to stand up in court and argue."

--As told to Adam Lidgett. Editing by Michael Watanabe.

Law360's Rising Stars are attorneys under 40 whose legal accomplishments belie their age. A team of Law360 editors selected the 2024 Rising Stars winners after reviewing nearly 1,200 submissions. Attorneys had to be under 40 as of April 30, 2024, to be eligible for this year's award. This interview has been edited and condensed.

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