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Practice Areas

- » FDA Practice Group
- » Intellectual Property

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Jim Veltrop practices primarily in the area of intellectual property counseling. His practice includes the evaluation of patent, trademark and trade secret claims and the provision of opinions regarding infringement and validity. He is extensively involved in the product development process, including assisting clients in navigating around the intellectual property rights of competitors and in designing their own patent strategies. He counsels clients regarding patent, Hatch-Waxman and antitrust issues raised by the development and marketing of new and generic drug products.

Mr. Veltrop also offers strategic advice regarding patent litigation. He has extensive experience litigating a wide range of intellectual property cases and other types of complex litigation, including supply-contract and other commercial disputes in the chemical industry. He has litigated major lawsuits and appeals alleging, for example, patent infringement, breach of license agreements and other contracts, Hatch-Waxman Act violations, trade secret misappropriation, trademark infringement and dilution, unfair and deceptive trade practices, illegal restraints of trade, attempted monopolization and various business torts. Examples of recent and ongoing cases include:

- » *Vibram S.p.A. v. FILA U.S.A., Inc.*, No. 11-CV-11192-PBS (D.Mass.) (patent infringement)
- » *Tyco Healthcare Group LP v. Pharmaceutical Holdings Corp.*, No. 07-1299 (SRC) (D.N.J.) (patent infringement and antitrust counterclaims)
- » *Pfizer Inc. v. Actavis Group*, No. 06-CV-8209 (S.D.N.Y.) (trade dress infringement)
- » *Adams Respiratory Therapeutics, Inc. v. URL/Mutual Pharmaceutical Cos.*, No. CV-06-4418 (E.D. Pa.) (patent infringement)
- » *Cushion Technologies, LLC v. Fila USA, Inc.*, No. 2:06-CV-347 (E.D. Texas) (patent infringement)

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- » INEOS Americas LLC v. The Dow Chemical Company, No. 06-CV-7152 (S.D.N.Y.) (breach of contract)
- » Eisai Co., Ltd. v. URL/Mutual Pharmaceutical Cos., No. 2:06-CV-03613-HAA-MF (D.N.J.) (patent infringement)
- » Ranbaxy Labs, Ltd. v. FDA, No. 04-CV-0869 (D.D.C.) (representing third-party intervenor claiming Hatch-Waxman exclusivity rights)
- » Purepac Pharmaceutical Co. v. FDA, No. 03-CV-2282 (D.D.C.) (Hatch-Waxman exclusivity rights)
- » Arthur Blank & Co. v. Moore North America, Inc., No. 02-CV-2282 (W.D. Tenn.) (patent infringement, antitrust)
- » Rexon Industrial Corp. v. Ryobi Technologies, No. 302-CV-1264 (D. Conn.) (patent infringement)
- » The Stanley Works v. Black & Decker, No. 399-CV-1087 (D. Conn.) (trademark infringement and dilution)
- » The Ensign-Bickford Co. v. Walsh, No. 399-CV-1264 (D. Conn.) (trade secret misappropriation)
- » Therma-Tru Corporation v. The Stanley Works, No. 97-CV-70166 (E.D. Mich.) (patent infringement)

Bar & Court Admissions

- » Connecticut
- » District of Columbia
- » Maryland
- » Multiple federal district and appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court and the Federal Circuit
- » U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

Education

- » Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1986 J.D. cum laude.
- » Missouri University, Columbia, Missouri, 1983 M.A. Political Science summa cum laude.
- » Missouri University, Columbia, Missouri, 1981 A.B. Political Science, with Pre-Med emphasis, summa cum laude.

Articles & Newsletters

- » The Impact of a Brand Generic Launch on the Recovery of Patent Damages, IPL Newsletter, Vol. 23, No. 4, Summer 2005
- » "Schering" Overruled: Risk of Settling Patent Suits Reduced?, N.Y.L.J., April 7, 2005
- » Understand Foreign Pre-Merger Filings, 221 N.Y.L.J. 9, 1999
- » Invention is the Mother of Litigation, Conn. Law. Trib. Mag., October 1997
- » Trade Secret Misappropriation A Federal Crime, Intellectual Property Today, June 1997
- » The New European Union Technology Transfer Block Exemption, Intellectual Property Today, November 1996
- » Développements Antitrust Aux Etats-Unis: Analyse Raffinée: Application Aggressive et Internationale, 3 Revue Internationale de Droit Economique 299, 1994
- » Tying and Exclusive Purchasing Arrangements Under EC Competition Law, 31 Common Market Law Review 549, 1994
- » Dual Antitrust Enforcement in the United States: Positive or Negative Lessons for the European Community?, P.J. Slot & A. McDonnell, 1993
- » *Common Law and Civil Law Approaches to Investigation and Discovery in the Enforcement of Competition Laws*, Due Process and Anticompetitive Practices ICC Institute of Int'l Business Law and Practice (1994)
- » *Contributor, B. Hawk, United States, Common Market and International Antitrust: A Comparative Guide*, (Author of EU vertical restraints chapter; contributor to 1990, 1992, 1993 & 1994 Supps.)

Professional Activities

- » American Bar Association, Antitrust, Litigation and Intellectual Property Sections
- » American Intellectual Property Law Association
- » Connecticut Intellectual Property Law Association
- » Connecticut Bar Association
- » Trustee, Simsbury Land Trust
- » Board of Directors, Simsbury Little League

» Harvard-Radcliffe Club of Northern Connecticut

Recent News

- » AVH Assisted Actavis in Resolving Ten-Year-Old Dispute with Pfizer
- » AVH Partners Named to Super Lawyers Business Edition 2011
- » AVH Attorneys Named Connecticut Super Lawyers 2011
- » AVH Attorney Named to Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition July/August 2010
- » AVH Attorneys Named Connecticut Super Lawyers 2010
- » AVH Attorneys Named New England Super Lawyers 2009
- » Firm Gears Up For High Stakes Drug Lit
- » Jim Veltrop Featured in IP360
- » Cantor Colburn's Michael Cantor plugs Jim Veltrop in IP Law 360
- » AVH Represents INEOS in U.S. Litigation
- » AVH Serving as Patent Counsel for ADHD and Pain Relief Medications
- » AVH Represents URL/Mutual Companies in Launch of Guaifenesin Products
- » AVH Defends Fila in Marshall, Texas Patent Action
- » AVH Represents Sport Brands International/FILA in Connection with Launch of Various Products
- » AVH Represents R.R. Donnelly in Patent and Antitrust Litigation
- » AVH Represents Purepac Pharmaceutical Company in Metformin Launch
- » AVH Represents Stanley Works in Patent Litigation
- » Stanley Defends Its Colors, Trade Turfs
- » AVH Defends Ryobi Technologies, Inc.