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Christian Chessman is a trial lawyer whose practice focuses on patent litigation. His experience covers a broad range of technologies, including microfluidic devices performing next-generation genetic sequencing; multiband base-station antenna arrays; modular semiconductor contact probes; check auto capture, transmission, and processing for financial institutions; and data packet demultiplexing over secure networks. Christian's trial experience includes bench and jury trials in federal court as well as hearings before the International Trade Commission.

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Patent Litigation

Before joining DLA Piper, Christian clerked for Chief Judge J. Rodney Gilstrap of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, where he worked on six patent trials, including the first jury trial on patent-eligible subject matter in the history of the United States.

## Admissions

- California

## Clerk Experience

- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (Chief Judge Rodney Gilstrap)

## Recognitions

- Recipient of the Judge John R. Brown Award for excellence in legal writing
- Recipient of the Thelen Marrin Award for writing and academic excellence

- Recipient of the Aldo J. Test Award recognizing excellence in writing on topics of law and technology
- Director, McBaine Honors Moot Court
- Editor-in-Chief, Berkeley Technology Law Journal
- Articles Editor, California Law Review
- Academic Chair, Middle Eastern Law Students Association
- American Jurisprudence Award—Contract Law; Criminal Law; Patent Litigation I; Administrative Law; Forensic Evidence; Cybercrime

## Education

- J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law  
*Order of the Coif*
- B.A., University of Florida  
*magna cum laude*

## Courts

- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### Supreme Court Corner

September 2021

The Court chose to enhance the Director's power to review PTAB decisions directly.

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#### Supreme Court Corner

June 2021

The issue at hand in *Unicolors v. H&M* turns on a question of inaccuracies in the copyright registration certificate.

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#### Trial by eligibility

June 2021

In the history of the United States, every single jury trial on patent eligibility under 35 U.S.C. § 101 has resulted in a defense verdict.

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#### Supreme Court Corner

30 March 2021

Numerous amici in *American Axle* urge the Supreme Court to take the case; update on *USPTO v. Booking.com*.

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#### The Pharmaceutical Corner

30 March 2021

The opinion may render functional claiming more difficult, but functional claims that follow its guidance may still have an important role to play in pharmaceutical patents.

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## Supreme Court Corner

22 December 2020

A quick look at two cases.

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## Inventiveness+? Divergent theories of the "inventive concept" in patent-eligible subject matter

30 September 2020

What qualifies as an inventive concept? Even the Federal Circuit doesn't know for sure.

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## Supreme Court Corner

30 September 2020

A quick look at two cases - *USPTO v. Booking.com* and *American Axle & Manufacturing v. Neapco Holdings*.

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As part of his practice, Christian has authored a number of academic articles examining the relationships between technology, law, and the federal courts. His legal scholarship has been cited in state and federal courts around the country, including the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, the California Fifth Appellate District Court of Appeal, and the Third Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court. His publications include:

- Christian Chessman, "Not Quite Human: Artificial Intelligence, Animals, and the Regulation of Sentient Property," SSRN Electronic Journal (June 29, 2018).
- Christian Chessman, "iSpeak: Automated Authorship and Accountability in the Digital Age," SSRN Electronic Journal (Feb. 5, 2018).
- Christian Chessman, "A 'Source' of Error: Computer Code, Criminal Defendants, and the Constitution," 105 Calif. L. Rev. 179 (2017).