

HUESTON HENNIGAN



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Education

Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 2005) magna cum laude;
Order of the Coif

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (B.S., 1998, Political
Science) magna cum laude

Clerkships

Hon. Edward Rafeedie, U.S.
District Court for the Central
District of California

Admissions

California
New York
United States Supreme Court

Described by clients as “an exceptional attorney” who “has unbelievable credibility with judges and juries,” Doug Dixon navigates complex technological, regulatory, and business matters across multiple areas of the law.

Mr. Dixon’s practice spans a wide range of litigation in federal and state courts at the trial and appellate levels and before arbitral tribunals. He focuses on complex business litigation, intellectual property litigation, securities litigation, international arbitration, and other high-stakes commercial disputes. Mr. Dixon also has extensive experience with internal and government investigations.

Mr. Dixon has represented clients across a broad spectrum of industries, including Western Digital, T-Mobile, Southern California Edison, Amgen, Allergan, Waste Management, and Masimo.

Mr. Dixon was recognized in the 2018 and 2019 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the practice area of commercial litigation, a distinction extended to the top 5 percent of private practice lawyers nationwide as determined by their peers. *Benchmark Litigation* (California) also recognized him as a “Future Star.”

Before starting Hueston Hennigan, Mr. Dixon was an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore and Irell & Manella. During law school, he served as an editor for *The Georgetown Law Journal*.

In addition to his practice, Mr. Dixon serves on the boards of the Federal Bar Association of Orange County and the Public Law Center,

a pro bono organization that provides legal services to low-income and vulnerable residents of Orange County. He is also active in providing service in his community.

Testimonials

“He lives and breathes [his cases] ... really good strategic instincts.” —*Chambers*

“Doug’s hallmark qualities are his unfailingly appropriate tone and ability to read the room, and his unerring command of the facts and law.” —*Chambers*

“A spectacular lawyer” who shines on “tough cases.” —*Benchmark Litigation*

Experience

Won a \$25 million trial victory for **Acorn Semi, LLC** in a patent infringement case against Samsung relating to its semiconductor technology. (See “Samsung Hit With \$25M Semiconductor IP Verdict In EDTX,” [Law360](#)).

Representing **Southern California Edison** and **Edison International** in litigation arising out of the 2017 Thomas Fire, the 2018 Montecito mudslides, and the 2018 Woolsey Fire.

Secured a declination from the California Department of Justice for **Southern California Edison** in connection with the 2018 Woolsey Fire that burned in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Secured a victory for **BlackBerry Corp.** and **BlackBerry Ltd.** in civil extortion and unfair competition claims leveled against it by MobileIron, forcing it to pay Blackberry’s legal fees and drop its lawsuit.

Obtained favorable settlement for a **leading fitness technology company**— including admissions of patent validity, intentional copying and an agreement to immediately cease using its patented leaderboard technology – after prevailing on an *Alice* challenge and virtually every other motion. (See “Peloton, Flywheel Settle Legal Disputes Over Fitness Bike Tech,” [Wall Street Journal](#); “Peloton, Flywheel Agree To End Patent Fight Over Bike Tech,” [Law360](#)).

Represented **Western Digital** and its **SanDisk** subsidiaries in their widely publicized dispute with Toshiba over anti-transfer provisions in joint venture agreements governing the manufacture and development of NAND flash memory. The dispute encompassed multiple ICC arbitrations and litigation in the California trial and appellate courts, where SanDisk secured injunctive relief in aid of the arbitrations.

Represented **Amgen** in nationwide securities fraud class action and shareholder derivative matters alleging misrepresentations or omissions regarding the safety and marketing of several of Amgen’s most important drugs. The class action settled on favorable terms, and Mr. Dixon obtained the dismissal with prejudice of multiple shareholder derivative actions asserting that Allergan’s board members failed to prevent alleged off-label marketing violations.

Won a motion for preliminary injunction for **ClearOne Inc.** in a patent infringement suit, enjoining a large, multinational competitor’s manufacture, marketing, and sale of a competing, infringing product.

Represented **T-Mobile** in a series of patent infringement lawsuits asserting patents relating to various cellular communication standards in Texas federal court. All lawsuits settled on terms very favorable to T-Mobile.

Represented **Sumner M. Redstone**, chairman emeritus of Viacom and CBS, in shareholder derivative and class action matters in the Delaware Court of Chancery arising out of changes to Viacom’s board of directors and bylaws.

Served as trial counsel for **Sumner M. Redstone** in a successful defense against a high-profile challenge to Mr. Redstone’s mental competency.

Represented **Sumner M. Redstone** in connection with challenges to his decisions to reconstitute Viacom’s board of directors and amend Viacom’s bylaws.

Defended **Masimo Corp.**, a leading global medical technology company, in cases in the U.S. and China against claims of monopolization of the pulse oximeter monitor market, conspiracy to monopolize, and tying.

Served as trial counsel for a **patentee** in a successful jury trial against LG Electronics in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas involving user interface patents.

Represented **T-Mobile** in a patent infringement lawsuit involving near-field communications technology in mobile devices in New York federal court.

Represented **Juniper Networks** in a lawsuit brought by Implicit Networks Inc. alleging infringement of patents relating to a method for processing data in a computer network. Mr. Dixon helped secure a double summary judgment ruling that all asserted patent claims against Juniper were both invalid and not infringed.

Represented **Hitachi Global Storage Technologies** and **Western Digital** in a lawsuit accusing them of infringing patents relating to a method for developing diamond-like carbon films. Mr. Dixon was heavily involved in every aspect of the case, including the development of key arguments refuting the plaintiffs' infringement and damages contentions. The case settled favorably before trial.

Defended a **major medical device company** against claims of inequitable conduct in Delaware federal court.

Obtained dismissal of all felony charges against a subsidiary of **Waste Management** after a four-year-long investigation and litigation involving allegations of conspiracy, false statements, and Clean Water Act violations.

Defended a **banker** in a lengthy insider trading investigation by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The investigation was terminated without action.

Served as trial counsel for a **Fortune 500 company** in a breach of contract lawsuit that culminated in a multiweek trial before an arbitrator involving complex property valuation methods.

Obtained a dismissal of putative consumer class action against **Waste Management** and others seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in damages relating to garbage collection operations in Los Angeles, California.

Recognitions

Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation (2021)

Recommended Lawyer for General Commercial Disputes, Legal 500

Future Star, Benchmark Litigation (2019, 2020)

The Best Lawyers in America (2018-present)

Named to the Southern California Rising Stars list (2014-2016, 2020, 2021)

Activities

Board of Directors, Public Law Center (2016-present)

Board of Directors, Federal Bar Association of Orange County (2016-present)

Board of Directors, Constitutional Rights Foundation (2015-2017)