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Andy Cao focuses his practice on commercial litigation and intellectual property litigation in state and federal courts. He advises clients on matters in trial courts, bankruptcy courts, as well as appellate matters. In his commercial litigation practice, Andy counsels a variety of clients including small businesses, insurance brokerage firms, vehicle manufacturers, maritime vessel manufacturers and lenders, and health care providers.

Andy also has experience representing clients in intellectual property disputes including patent infringement, trademark infringement, copyright infringement, noncompete agreements, no-hire agreements, non-solicitation agreements, and trade secrets matters.

Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, Chair of the Intellectual Property Committee, 2015-2016, Chair of the Business Litigation Committee, 2018-2019, Council Member, 2020-2024
- American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, Leadership Academy, Class of 2013
- *Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal*, Editor in Chief
- *TortSource*, Associate Editor
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, Fellow, 2012
- Porsche Club of America, High Performance Driving Instructor, Lone Star Region High Performance Driver Education Program Chair
- University of St. Thomas Law, Alumni Association, Board of Directors
- Infernal Bridegroom Productions, Board of Directors, 2004-2006

Published Work and Lectures

Areas of Experience

Litigation
Financial Institutions Commercial Litigation
Intellectual Property Litigation
Commercial Disputes

Education

J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 2001
B.A., University of St. Thomas, Houston, 1998

Admissions

Bars

Texas

Courts

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Texas
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Texas
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

Related Content

Record Number of Akerman Lawyers Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* 2024 Guide
August 22, 2023

Andy Cao to Speak on Trade Secrets and Business Defamation
March 25, 2022

Akerman Grows Houston Office with Veteran Trial Lawyer Joel Mohrman and Andy Cao
February 23, 2021

- Southwest Association of Bank Counsel, CLE Presentation, Speaker, “Non-Competition Agreements: Myths, Law, and Reality,” May 23, 2024
- American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section Webinar, Speaker, “eDiscovery Processes & Procedures: The ‘Know-How’ with the ‘How To,’” August 7, 2017
- American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Law Newsletter, Author, “Key Considerations Before Litigating IP,” September 4, 2015
- American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section, Annual Meeting, Speaker, “The Ostrich Syndrome: You Can’t Avoid Intellectual Property Issues in Today’s World,” July 31, 2015
- Hospitality Law Conference, Speaker, “Mardi Gras Meets The Rodeo - Throw Me Something Cowboy!” February 11, 2015
- *Today’s General Counsel*, Author, “Consider Internal Issues Before Litigating IP,” December/January 2014
- *Litigation Strategies for Intellectual Property Cases*, Author, “Successfully Analyzing and Litigating IP Infringement Matters,” 2013
- *Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal*, Author, “Recent Developments in Intellectual Property Law,” 46:2, Winter 2011
- *Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal*, Author, “Recent Developments in Business Litigation,” 2004-2010
- *PP&D*, Author, “Judgement Can Be the Difference Between a Good Deposition and a Great One,” Spring 2009
- *Business Torts Journal*, Author, “Injunction Bonds: An Important Yet Overlooked Part of Noncompete Litigation,” 2008
- *Growth*, Author, “Intellectual Property May Be Your Most Valuable Asset,” 2007
- *Houston Business Journal*, Author, “New Non-Compete Stipulations Let Businesses Breathe Easier,” 2007
- *Houston Journal of International Law*, Author, “Limiting States’ Roles in Foreign Commerce: Teaching Old-World Dogs New-World Tricks,” 2001

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024-2025, Listed in Texas for Commercial Litigation
- *Lawyers of Color*, Named to Nations Best List, 2020
- *Martindale-Hubbell*, AV Rated
- *Texas Super Lawyers*, Listed as “Rising Star” for Business Litigation and Intellectual Property Litigation, 2012-2017
- *Houstonia*, Listed as “Top Lawyer,” 2013-2015