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Stephen Lareau is a partner with Alston & Bird's Intellectual Property Litigation Group. He concentrates his practice on the litigation of complex patent disputes in district courts across the country and at the International Trade Commission. Stephen is admitted to practice in North Carolina and is registered to practice before the U.S Patent and Trademark Office.

Stephen received his J.D., with honors, from The University of North Carolina School of Law, where he was a member of the *North Carolina Journal of Law & Technology*. He received his B.S. in mechanical engineering, summa cum laude, from Clemson University, where he was a member of the National Scholars Program.

Representative Experience

International Trade Commission

- Represented Honeywell in multiple investigations relating to image and bar code readers that ultimately resulted in a nine-figure settlement. *Certain Barcode Scanners, Scan Engines, Mobile Computers, with Barcode Scanning Functionalities, Products Containing the Same, and Components Thereof*, Inv. Nos. 337-TA-1317 and -1321.
- Represented Resideo in an investigation relating to smart thermostats and load control switches. *Certain Smart Thermostats, Load Control Switches, and Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1277.
- Represented Universal Electronics Inc in an investigation relating to remote control and smart tv software. *Certain Televisions, Remote Controls, and Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1263.
- Represented Resideo and Honeywell in an investigation relating to smart thermostat systems. *Certain Smart Thermostat Systems, Smart HVAC Systems, Smart HVAC Control Systems, and Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1258.
- Represented Universal Electronics Inc in an investigation relating to remote control and smart tv software. *Certain Electronic Devices, Including Streaming Players, Televisions, Set Top Boxes, Remote Controllers, and Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1200.
- Represented global leader in wearables and smartwatches for the outdoor and fitness markets. *Certain Wearable Monitoring Devices, Systems, and Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1190.
- Represented Honeywell in an investigation relating to image and bar code readers and related technology. *Certain Barcode Scanners, Scan Engines, Products Containing the Same, and Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1165.

- Represented Honeywell in an investigation relating to image and bar code readers and related technology. *Certain Barcode Scanners, Scan Engines, Products Containing the Same, and Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1061.

District Court

- Representing Vocollect in a declaratory judgment patent infringement suit relating to voice recognition and processing systems. *Voxware, Inc. v. Vocollect, et al.*, No. 1:23-cv-00052 (D. Del).
- Representing Resideo in a patent infringement suit relating to calculating thermal mass and HVAC system efficiency. *EcoFactor, Inc. v. Resideo Technologies, Inc.*, No. 6:23-cv-00061 (W.D. Tex.).
- Representing Resideo in a patent infringement suit relating to energy management systems. *EcoFactor, Inc. v. Resideo Technologies, Inc.*, No. 6:22-cv-00069 (W.D. Tex.).
- Represented Honeywell in multiple patent infringement suits relating to bar code readers and related technology. *Honeywell International Inc., et al. v. Zebra Technologies Corporation and Symbol Technologies Inc.*, No. 22-cv-442 and -517 (W.D. Tex.).
- Represented Resideo in a patent infringement suit relating to thermostats and related technology. *Rosen Technologies LLC v. Resideo Technologies, Inc.*, No. 6:22-cv-00131 (W.D. Tex.).
- Represented Resideo in a patent infringement suit relating to smart home energy management systems. *Ollnova Technologies Ltd. v. Resideo Technologies, Inc.*, No. 6:22-cv-00390 (W.D. Tex.).
- Represented Honeywell in a breach of contract suit that resulted in two consecutive trial victories, one before a North Carolina jury and the other in a subsequent bench trial. *Honeywell International Inc., et al. v. Opto Electronics Co., Ltd.*, No. 3:21-cv-00506 (W.D.N.C.).
- Represented a global telecommunications equipment supplier in seven-patent jury trial. *TQ Delta, LLC v. CommScope Holding Co., Inc., et al.*, No. 2:21-cv-00310 (E.D. Tex.).
- Represented a global telecommunications equipment supplier in nineteen-patent dispute. *TQ Delta, LLC v. Nokia Corporation et al.*, No. 2:21-cv-00309 (E.D. Tex.).
- Represented Honeywell in a patent infringement suit relating to OPTO's manufacture and sale of 2D and 1D Barcode Products. *Honeywell International Inc. v. Opticon, Inc., et al.*, No. 1:19-cv-01019 (D. Del.).
- Represented Nokia a global telecommunications equipment supplier in patent infringement suit related to routers. *Packet Intelligence LLC v. Nokia of America Corporation*, No. 2-18-cv-00382 (E.D. Tex.).
- Represented Honeywell in a patent infringement suit relating to bar code readers and scan engines. *Honeywell International Inc. v. Code Corp.*, No. 1:17-cv-000594 (D. Del.).
- Counsel for a national drywall manufacturer in district court litigation relating to additives used in drywall manufacturing.
- Counsel for Alcatel-Lucent in litigation involving fiber-optic communications equipment. Obtained summary judgment against the plaintiff's claims, a rarity in the district. *Oyster Optics, LLC v. Alcatel-Lucent USA, Inc.* (E.D. Tex.); *Oyster Optics, LLC v. Nokia Corporation et al.*, No. 2-16-cv-01297 (E.D. Tex.). Counsel at the Federal Circuit where the victory was affirmed.
- Counsel for a global telecommunications equipment supplier Nokia in multiple offensive actions against Huawei regarding standard essential telecommunications patent. *Nokia Solutions and Network US LLC v. Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. et al.*, Nos. 2-16-cv-00753, -754, -755, and -756 (E.D. Tex.).

- Represented numerous airlines, telecommunications companies, and financial institutions in a series of cases related to database marketing. Nos. 2-10-cv-00212, 2-13-cv-01081, -1088, -1099, -1100, 2-14-cv-00965, -967, -978, 2-16-cv-00152, -157 (E.D. Tex.).
- Represented a global automotive supplier in patent litigation against a manufacturer of personal navigation devices. (E.D. Mich.).
- Represented a leading manufacturer of plumbing products in a series of patent litigations with a competitor.

Professional & Community Engagement

- North Carolina State Bar
- Mecklenburg County Bar

Court Admissions

- Western District of North Carolina
- Eastern District of Texas
- Western District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Education

- The University of North Carolina (J.D., 2011)
- Clemson University (B.S., 2008)

Admitted to Practice

- North Carolina
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office