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## MICHAEL WOODS

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Mr. Woods is Of Counsel in the DC office of Cherian LLP where he focuses his practice on enforcing and defending Intellectual Property rights in Federal District Court, *inter partes* reviews, and in appeals before the Federal Circuit. Mr. Woods has represented clients in litigation involving a variety of technologies, including matters related to computer software, internet technologies, telecommunication devices, cooling systems, inflatable products, and medical devices.

In his practice, Mr. Woods has handled dozens of complex cases in key Federal courts around the country including both the Eastern and Western District Courts of Texas, the District of Delaware, and the Eastern District of Virginia. He has also represented clients in appeals to the Federal Circuit and in a regulatory petition for review in the U. S. Circuit Court for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Prior to his legal career, Mr. Woods retired after twenty years as a U. S. Navy nuclear submarine officer. His service included: tours on several nuclear submarines on both coasts, as the officer in charge of a land-based nuclear reactor training facility, and several tours at the Pentagon on the Naval staff and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. As a submarine officer, he was certified as a Nuclear Engineer Officer by the Department of Energy and worked closely with a wide variety of electronic, electrical,

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### **PRACTICES:**

Patent Litigation (District Court & ITC), Intellectual Property Strategies Federal Circuit & Other IP Appeals, IP Transactions & Licensing, Trade Secret Litigation, Inter Partes Review proceedings,

### **STATE BAR ADMISSION:**

District of Columbia

### **COURT ADMISSIONS:**

Federal Circuit Court of Appeals  
Federal District Court:  
Eastern District of Texas  
Western District of Michigan  
Eastern District of Virginia

### **EDUCATION:**

George Mason University School of Law, JD with concentration in Intellectual Property  
U.S. Naval Academy, BS, Physics

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Hispanic National Bar Association  
The Federalist Society

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and mechanical systems. At the Pentagon, Mr. Woods participated in lengthy negotiations on several nuclear arms control treaties with diplomats from the former Soviet Union. In addition, he was responsible for reviewing all Department of Defense advanced technology programs for compliance with arms control treaties.

Mr. Woods has also successfully represented several veterans and active-duty military personnel in obtaining military benefits.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five awards of the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, two awards of the Sea Service Ribbons, the Arctic Service Ribbon, and the Navy Pistol Expert Medal.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Represented a major computer manufacturer in litigation involving remote power sense capability of Ethernet networks, resulting in a favorable settlement.

Represented a major computer manufacturer in a case involving data compression techniques, resulting in a favorable settlement.

Represented a real-time interactive gaming company in a case involving patents directed to virtual networking.

Represented a major telecommunications provider in a case involving optical switching in ring networks. Obtained a very favorable settlement.

Represented a major wireless company in a case involving patents directed to wireless alarm systems. Obtained voluntary dismissal from the plaintiff.

Represented a major data storage manufacturer in a case (and appeal) involving RAID-arrays and storage interface technology.

Represented a major computer manufacturer in a case involving acceleration of data storage and retrieval.

Represented a leading database provider in a patent case involving data structures, data transmission and buffering.

Represented a major computer manufacturer in a patent case involving heat sink and heat pipe technologies.

## REPRESENTATIVE INNOVATIVE CASE RESOLUTIONS

Obtained a favorable settlement through mediation as lead counsel for a major telecommunications company in a patent infringement suit concerning packaging for cellular phone accessories.

Achieved a favorable settlement for a manufacturer of nonvolatile memory products after a trial before the International Trade Commission on multiple patents.

Responsible for aggressive discovery and motions practice on behalf of a major computer company in several patent infringement actions involving computer cooling systems, image processing, and web browser software which led to dismissals in four separate cases.

Obtained a favorable settlement for a large medical device manufacturer in a trade secret and patent infringement suit.

Achieved a very favorable settlement for a major telecommunications company in a patent infringement suit involving data compression technology including inter partes review proceedings and summary judgment.

Obtained a dismissal of a patent infringement action involving rotary press technology against a Canadian manufacturer of industrial equipment through aggressive motions practice and mediation.

Negotiated a favorable settlement and an extensive covenant not to sue for a major computer company in a patent infringement suit involving computer disk encryption technology.

Obtained a very favorable settlement for a major telecommunications company in a patent infringement suit involving eleven patents on cloud computing technology, including extensive fact discovery and motions practice.

Successfully obtained asylum in the United States for several pro bono clients and their families.