

Samuel Bryant Davidoff

Partner

Sam Davidoff is a civil and criminal litigator who has tried cases in federal and state courts as well as before arbitration panels and government agencies. On the civil side, Sam litigates high-stakes commercial cases on behalf of companies and individuals. A significant portion of Sam's civil practice involves representing well-known technology companies in litigation and arbitration involving intellectual property, patent infringement, cyber-security, antitrust, and licensing. On the criminal side, Sam represents companies and individuals under indictment or investigation. His experience includes matters relating to the FCPA, FCA, antitrust, and securities laws. Sam has also counseled corporations and individuals responding to Congressional inquiries and other government investigations, including chief executive officers and cabinet-level government officials.

A native of Morristown, New Jersey, Sam received his undergraduate degree from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland in 1999 and his JD from Yale Law School in 2003. Before joining Williams & Connolly in 2008, Sam served as a law clerk to the Honorable Stefan R. Underhill of the District of Connecticut and worked at a major New York law firm.

Representative Experience

- Representing Fortune 100 company in multi-jurisdictional litigation relating to cyber-security issues
- Trial counsel for a major technology company at an International Chamber of Commerce arbitration hearing regarding a fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory (FRAND) license to standard-essential patents (SEPs) related to cellular technology
- Representing Google in a variety of patent matters, both in federal court and before the PTAB, on issues related to digital image storage and transmission, video content identification, photo tagging technology, and online search
- Trial counsel in multiple jury trials in federal court relating to employment and labor in the oil and gas industry
- Trial counsel in the pro bono defense of an individual charged with first degree murder and conspiracy in Montgomery County, Maryland
- Represented current government officials subpoenaed for depositions by House Financial Services Committee in connection



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Education

Yale Law School, J.D., 2003
St. John's College, B.A., 1999

Practice Focus

Antitrust
Civil Litigation and Trial Practice
Congressional Investigations
Criminal Defense and Government
Investigations
Patent Litigation

Admissions

District of Columbia
New York
Supreme Court
United States District Court for the
District of Columbia, Southern
District of New York, District of
Connecticut, and Eastern District of
Michigan
United States Court of Appeals for the
Fourth, Ninth, and Federal Circuits
United States Supreme Court

with multiple investigations

- Represented multiple individuals in connection with FCPA investigation by DOJ and SEC of oilfield services company
- Represented major Japanese manufacturer in a multi-district litigation pending in the Eastern District of Michigan relating to anticompetitive conduct in the automotive parts industry
- Trial counsel in the defense of a chain of for-profit trade schools accused of fraud and deceptive trade practices

Resources

Publications

- *Kevin Hardy and Samuel Davidoff Author "Justice Dept. IP Shift Favors Licensors"*, December 2017