



Robert F. Ruyak

Managing Partner and CEO

Robert Ruyak was appointed Managing Partner and CEO of Howrey in January 2000 and serves as Chairman of the firm's Executive Committee. With a national reputation, Mr. Ruyak is one of the firm's most experienced and respected jury trial lawyers. Cases he has tried cover a wide range of legal and substantive areas, principally antitrust (both civil and criminal), intellectual property (including patent, trademark and trade secret), insurance coverage, international trade and a variety of commercial disputes. Throughout his career, he has been a proponent of and pioneer in the use of computer technology in litigation.

A Partner at Howrey since 1981, Mr. Ruyak has extensive litigation and jury trial experience covering a wide range of commercial disputes and substantive areas of law. His experience encompasses matters involving computer hardware, software, semiconductors, telecommunications, medical devices, chemicals, food, steel, paper, transportation, heavy equipment and automobiles, among others. He specializes in managing and trying complex cases, representing plaintiffs as well as defendants.

Mr. Ruyak also is a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars addressing the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights, jury trial strategy and tactics, and the use of technology in litigation.

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ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
New York
Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law
Center (JD, 1974)
Gannon University (BA, 1971)

CLERKSHIP

Hon. John J. Sirica, United States
District Court for the District of
Columbia (1974-1976)

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *Wang Laboratories, Inc. v. Toshiba Corp.* Served as lead trial counsel in Wang's successful SIMM patent infringement suits relating to Wang SIMM memory module patents that resulted in a jury verdict against NEC and Toshiba for infringement, a finding of patent validity and an injunction against the defendants prohibiting them from selling infringing products in the US, (Civ. Action No. 90-1477A, E.D. Va., 1991) and on appeal at the Federal Circuit.
- *In re Lower Lake Erie Iron Ore Antitrust Litigation.* As lead trial counsel representing LTV and Wheeling-Pittsburgh steel companies in the lower Lake Erie Iron Ore antitrust litigation, a multidistrict antitrust case, obtained jury verdicts and judgments in excess of \$500 million. These were upheld on appeal; and certiorari was denied by the US Supreme Court.
- *US v. International Paper Co.* Acted as trial counsel defending the Mead Corporation in a criminal antitrust price-fixing case, in which Mead won an acquittal, and in the related class action trial of *In re Corrugated Container Antitrust Litigation*, 1979 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 7829

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(S.D. Tex. 1979), *aff'd in part and remanded in part*, 643 F.2d 195, 1981 U.S. App. LEXIS 14634 (5th Cir. 1981).

- *American Health Advisors v. The University of Texas System, et al.* As lead trial counsel for American Health Advisors in a dispute with the State of Texas for breach of contract, obtained a jury verdict and damages for American Health Advisors.
- *Sun Microsystems v. Dataram.* Served as lead counsel for Sun Microsystems, Inc. in a patent infringement litigation brought to enforce Sun's patented technology for memory module products. The litigation was resolved prior to trial with Dataram agreeing to license and pay royalties to Sun.
- *GTE Card Services Inc. v. AT&T Corp.* Acted as lead counsel for GTE in a case brought against AT&T alleging false advertising claims which disparaged GTE's long-distance telephone services. The litigation was resolved prior to trial.
- *Hewlett Packard Co. v. Boston Scientific Corp.* Served as lead counsel for Boston Scientific Corp. in an antitrust action alleging an attempt to monopolize the market for certain medical diagnostic devices. Three of five matters were dismissed in favor of BSC. The litigation was resolved prior to trial. No. 99-CV-10244-PBS.
- *International Paper Co. and Masonite Corp. v. Agricultural Excess & Surpass Ins. Co., et al.* Served as lead trial counsel for International Paper Co., seeking insurance coverage for settlement of a nationwide class action alleging product defects relating to hardboard siding.
- *In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation.* Acted as trial counsel for Johnson & Johnson in a multidistrict litigation brought by 32 state attorneys general and a national consumer class challenging Johnson & Johnson's refusal to sell disposable contact lenses to Internet companies or pharmacies. After a six-week trial, the case was settled on very favorable terms, specifically affirming Johnson & Johnson's right to sell to companies that comply with all federal and state contact lens laws.

COURTS & ADJUDICATIVE BODIES

- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association

PRO BONO

- Archdiocesan Legal Network, Board Member, 1993–present.
- *Chambers v. Chambers*. Child custody matter.
- *In the matter of the Haas Estate*. Legal assistance to a charitable organization in the sale of property and tax issues relating to a bequest.
- *John Doe v. William C. Smith and Company*. US District Court for the District of Columbia. Obtained a preliminary injunction against landlord, prohibiting discrimination against homeless persons being denied apartment leases.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Board member, The John Carroll Society, 1997–present
- Member, Board of Trustees, Georgetown Preparatory School, 1996–present
- Member, Board of Trustees, Mater Dei School, 1989–present, Chairman 1995–1997
- Member, Parish Council, Holy Trinity Church, Georgetown, 1996–1999
- Volunteer, Christmas in April, 1987–1997

PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

ARTICLES

"Strategic Planning: Biting the Bullet." *Chief Legal Executive* (Spring 2004): 53.

"Patent Audit: Turning Assets Into Profits." *Litigation & Technology (a supplement to Corporate Legal Times)* (June 2000). Co-authored with Alan M. Fisch.

BOOKS

Inside the Minds Leading Lawyers: The Advantage of Focus. Aspatore Books (2003). Article at page 105.

SPEECHES

"Strategic Planning: Biting the Bullet." *Chief Legal Executive* (Spring 2004).

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"Northern Virginia Tech Conference." (April 28, 2003).

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