

Cozen O'Connor Welcomes First-Chair Patent Litigator Thomas J. Fisher to its Washington D.C. Intellectual Property Team

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WASHINGTON, D.C., October 16, 2018 — Cozen O'Connor announced today first-chair IP litigator Thomas J. Fisher, a former engineer who focuses his practice on complex electrical, mechanical and computer software patent disputes, has joined its international IP practice. Fisher regularly represents major corporate clients in federal district courts, Section 337 proceedings before the International Trade Commission (ITC); and in appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court. He also handles a range of post-grant proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including AIA proceedings and reexamination proceedings.

Fisher comes to Cozen O'Connor from Oblon, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, L.L.P., where he was a partner and chair of that firm's ITC Litigation practice group. He joins the firm as a member and will work out of its fast-growing Washington D.C. office.

"Tom is an incredibly talented first-chair patent litigator. Although our D.C. office has nationally recognized life science litigators, Tom strengthens our bench by bringing decades of experience prosecuting complex electrical, computer and software cases," says Kerry B. McTigue, co-chair of Cozen O'Connor's Intellectual Property Department. "Beyond his district court experience, Tom has extensive experience litigating before the ITC. We are truly excited that Tom will expand our technical capabilities and help lead Cozen O'Connor's ITC practice."

In addition to his work as a litigator, Fisher regularly counsels both domestic and foreign clients on patent portfolio development, intellectual property issues related to corporate transactions, licensing, litigation avoidance, risk management, and post-litigation tactics. He is also a Certified Licensing Professional.

Prior to entering the law profession, Fisher owned and operated his own software consulting business and thus brings to the firm significant project management experience with a range of electrical and mechanical technologies, including software, encryption, GPS systems, micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) technology, and medical devices. As an engineer, he developed software solutions for business and government applications as well as modeling and simulation tools, analyst workstations, and real-time control systems, including satellite ground and traffic control systems.

"I'm thrilled to be joining one of the best known and fastest growing IP practices in the U.S.," Fisher says. "Coming from an intellectual property boutique, Cozen O'Connor gives me access to a much broader, full-service IP practice within a prominent general practice firm."

Fisher frequently lectures on patent litigation and ITC litigation issues at a range of international conferences. He earned his J.D. at George Mason University School of Law and his B.S. in Electrical Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh.

About Cozen O'Connor Intellectual Property

Cozen O'Connor's global intellectual property team represents a wide variety of national and international corporate clients from startups to multinational companies. Its clients operate in diverse industry sectors, including pharmaceutical, biotechnology, electronics, manufacturing, communications, finance, entertainment, and education. The firm offers a full-service practice, helping clients acquire, manage, and protect intellectual property. Its attorneys work in the areas of

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patent, trademark, trade dress, domain name, and copyright – and regularly counsel on procurement, prosecution, enforcement, asset management, monetization, licensing, and litigation.

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