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## EDUCATION

- LL.M., University of London, London School of Economics and Political Science, 1976
- JD, *cum laude*, Seattle University School of Law, 1974
- B.E.E., University of Virginia, 1967

## BAR/COURT ADMISSIONS

- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Florida Bar
- Washington State Bar
- United States Court of Appeals, Federal, Third, Fifth, and Eleventh Circuits
- United States District Courts, Southern, Middle and Northern Districts of Florida, Western District of Washington

**MICHAEL CESARANO** is a Registered Patent Attorney who serves as the Head of the Patent Prosecution Department at Feldman Gale. Mr. Cesarano concentrates on patent prosecution, intellectual property litigation, and the national and international registration and protection of various forms of intellectual property, particularly computer and internet technology. He arbitrates internet domain name disputes under auspices of the International Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), and handles administrative proceedings within the United States Patent and Trademark Office for trademark oppositions and cancellations and patent prosecution issues.

Upon receiving his bachelors degree in electrical engineering from the University of Virginia, Mr. Cesarano was commissioned as an officer in the U. S. Marine Corps and served as a fighter pilot in Viet Nam. Upon leaving the service as a Captain in 1972, he received his J.D. *cum laude* from Seattle University School of Law. Following ten years of private practice as a commercial litigator, he became a Registered Patent Attorney with the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office. Combining his aviation experience with his intellectual property background, he joined the Patent Law Department of the Boeing Commercial Airplane Company in Seattle, Washington. In 1987, Mr. Cesarano reentered private practice, specializing in intellectual property. Mr. Cesarano's practice is a well-rounded mix of transactional work and litigation. He has been named as the attorney of record on more than 60 United States issued patents, has registered numerous trademarks and copyrights, has appeared in more than 70 federal district court litigations, and has argued numerous appellate cases decided by the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit and Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals.

Mr. Cesarano received his Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the University of London, The London School of Economics and Political Science, in International Law; his J.D. *cum laude*, from Seattle University School of Law; and his B.E.E. from the University of Virginia.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Florida Bar Accreditations:
  - Board Certified in Civil Trial, 1992 – Present
  - Board Certified in Business Litigation, 1997 – Present
  - Board Certified in Intellectual Property, 2007 – Present
- Recognized in Super Lawyers, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
- Recognized in Best Lawyers in America, 2009
- AV Rated, Martindale Hubble

## NOTABLE CLIENT WORK

- Latimer v. Roaring Toyz, Inc., et al., Case No. 8:06-cv-1921, (M.D. Fla.). Represented Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. and other defendants in suit for copyright infringement for using promotional photographs in marketing activities. Court ruled that defendants had a license to use the photographs. Case settled following favorable summary judgment.
- Mary Queen of the Third Millennium v. The Foundation for a Christian Civilization, Opposition No. 91/157,073, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. Represented Mary Queen of the Third Millennium (the U.S. legal representative of an international religious order) in trademark opposition to prevent registration of order's ceremonial garment (a religious habit) as a trademark for breakaway group attempting to preclude order's members from using the garment. Ordered that religious garment is not registrable as a trademark for breakaway group. Decision upheld on appeal.
- Jeff Lynne, et al. v. John Regna, et al., Case No. 2:00-cv-4403 (C.D. Cal.). Represented former members of Electric Light Orchestra in trademark infringement suit brought by Jeff Lynne, original founder of the band. Court determined that Lynne's trademark had not been infringed by former members of band.
- Novo Industries, LP v. Micromolds Corporation, et al., 355 Fed 3rd 1348 (Fed. Circuit 2003). Represented defendant accused of infringing plaintiff's patent. In the lower court, jury found liability based on judge's erroneous instruction. Decision was reversed on appeal and patent was held to be invalid.
- Jaswant S. Pannu and Jaswant S. Pannu, M.D., P.a. v Iolab Corporation, 155 F.3d 1344 (Fed. Cir. 1998). Won jury verdict in favor of client against Iolab Corp., a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, in a case alleging infringement of client's patent.
- Bageland, Inc. v. Rachael, Inc., Case No. 0:90-cv-6197 (S.D. Fla.) – Represented client who was a franchisee of Bageland, and was authorized to operate a restaurant under that name. After Bageland permitted another restaurant to operate within the client's exclusive territory, client terminated the franchise and changed the name of its restaurant. The trial court found the franchise to have been validly terminated. On the plaintiff's appeal to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, the decision was upheld in all respects.
- Triarch Inc. v. Trans Globe Lighting, Inc., Case No. 1:91-cv-1337 (S.D. Fla.) – Represented Defendant accused of infringement of the plaintiff's design patent. The trial court misinterpreted the patent and found infringement. On appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the trial court judgment was reversed, the Court of Appeals finding that the judge had not understood the patent, and holding that patent was not infringed.
- Ron Matusalem & Matusa of Florida, Inc. v. Ron Matusalem, Inc., 872 F.2d 1547 (11th Cir. 1989). Represented the plaintiff in a trademark infringement action based upon the defendant's failure to adhere to quality controls set forth in the trademark license. The defendant was required to adhere to the quality control standards dictated by licensor. Trial court decision upheld on appeal.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "A Well-Worded Patent," the Daily Business Review, October 10, 2007.
- The Internet Social Networking Conference, "*Patents in Online Dating and Social Networking: Record Legal Suits in 2007*," Miami Beach, 2008