

Speaker Biography



Donald R. Dunner

Donald Dunner has worked in all phases of patent law including prosecution, licensing, litigation, validity and infringement studies, and counseling. He has technical expertise in the areas of chemical engineering, chemistry, biotechnology, and pharmaceuticals.

Currently, Mr. Dunner is involved predominantly in intellectual property litigation and has earned the reputation of being one of the finest litigators in the country. While Mr. Dunner has litigated numerous cases in the federal district courts, he is best known for his appellate practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and its predecessor court, the U.S. Court of Customs and Patent Appeals. Mr. Dunner has been reported by the *New York Times* as having argued more Federal Circuit cases than any other litigator in the U.S. He has had significant success overturning jury and other verdicts handed down by the lower district courts. His most notable case involved the complete reversal of an \$80 million jury verdict for Mattel's Hot Wheels™ toys.

Mr. Dunner has won an impressive number of legal awards. In 2000, he was recognized by the *National Law Journal* as one of the nation's 100 most influential lawyers. In 2002, *Washington Business Forward* named Mr. Dunner as the "attorney to call to protect your intellectual property," and *Global Counsel* named him as one of the top ten patent lawyers in the world. He was the NJIPL Jefferson Medal recipient for 2004 and is a 2004 inductee of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. He has been recognized as a leader in the field of IP Law by Chambers & Partners in its guide, *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, and he was selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2007 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, making him one of a distinguished group of attorneys who have been listed in Best Lawyers for ten years or longer. In 2005, he was named International Lawyer of the Year for Patents by *Who's Who Legal: The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers*.

Admitted:

1958, District of Columbia; 1963, U.S. Supreme Court; 1982, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and other federal courts.

Education:

Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 1958); Purdue University (B.S., Chemical Engineering, 1953).

Association Involvement:

District of Columbia Bar (Chair, Steering Committee, Division 14, 1976-1977); Bar Association of the District of Columbia (Section on Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law, Chair, 1964-1965; Board of Directors, 1965-1966); American Bar Association (Section on Intellectual Property Law, Chair, 1995-1996); American Intellectual Property Law Association (President, 1979-1980); National Council of Patent Law Associations (Secretary, 1963-1966); American College of Trial Lawyers (1995-); American Academy of Appellate Lawyers (2004-); ABA House of Delegates (2002-).

Representative Publications:

Coauthor, "Cybor Corp v. FAS Technologies: The Final Say on Appellate Review of Claim Construction?" *Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society*, July 1998; Coauthor,