

Speaker Biography



William F. Lee

Bill Lee is a co-managing partner of the firm, and a member of the firm's Executive and Management Committees. He was managing partner of Hale and Dorr from 2000 to 2004 and chaired the firm's Litigation Department for four years. Mr. Lee joined the firm in 1976.

In addition to his firm responsibilities, Mr. Lee continues to concentrate his practice primarily on intellectual property and commercial litigation. His trial experience is extensive.

Mr. Lee has acted as lead trial counsel in several cases between Broadcom and Qualcomm; a trial concerning a genetically engineered tomato product; a trial involving the right to manufacture and sell recombinant erythropoietin; a trial before the International Trade Commission involving \$3 billion of commerce; and trials in federal court involving laser optics, video compression, cellular communications, remote data storage, secure Internet communications, pharmaceutical products, high-speed chromatography and medical devices. Mr. Lee has argued approximately 30 appeals before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

From July 1987 through June 1989, Mr. Lee served as associate counsel to Independent Counsel Lawrence E. Walsh in the Iran-Contra investigation. In that capacity, he was responsible for certain portions of the grand jury investigation and resulting indictments. He also has served as a special assistant to the Massachusetts Attorney General for the purpose of investigating alleged incidents of racial bias in the Commonwealth's courts.

Mr. Lee has served as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School, where he taught intellectual property litigation.

Mr. Lee serves on the Advisory Committee of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He has also served on the Advisory Committee of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts on its local rules; its Committee to Evaluate Administration of the Criminal Justice Act; and the Merit Selection Panel on Magistrate Judges. The Governor of Massachusetts appointed Mr. Lee to serve on a special Judicial Nominating Committee for the selection of judges for the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

In June 2002, Mr. Lee was elected to the Board of Overseers of Harvard University, an appointment that he adds to his duties as a member of the Visiting Committee at Cornell Law School. He previously served as vice chairman of the board of the Boston University Medical Center University Hospital, a trustee of the Boston Medical Center and an overseer of the Museum of Science.