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Expert witness experience

1. SD3, LLC v. Lee, US District Court – 2016, with deposition and court testimony

In January 2016, Dr. Lequesne was retained by the US Patent and Trademarks Office as an expert witness in the case SD3, LLC vs. Lee (US PTO). The plaintiff was appealing the US PTO's rejection of their patent application, and the case was heard in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. His involvement included writing an expert report; being deposed (March 2016); writing a supplemental report; and, testifying in court (May 2016). The technology at issue was electric motor controls for machine tools. The plaintiff won the case.

2. AM General, LLC v. UUSI, 4 Inter Partes reviews – 2016-2017, with deposition

In mid 2016 and again in March 2017, Dr. Lequesne was involved in the preparation for four Inter Partes Reviews before the US PTO Patent Trial and Appeal Board, writing declarations in support of the patent owner's preliminary responses. The cases are about glow-plug controls for diesel engines (AM General, LLC vs. UUSI). Dr. Lequesne was working for the defendant, UUSI. Three of the four cases were instituted. Dr. Lequesne was deposed on June 1st, 2017. The case was settled.

3. Intellectual Ventures v. Denso, ITC action - 2017

In late 2017, Dr. Lequesne worked for a firm representing an automotive Tier 1 supplier for a patent infringement lawsuit about electric motors used in cars (Section 337 investigation before the USITC). The case was about electric machine design (specifically machine coil manufacturing). The Commission terminated the investigation after the complainant withdrew its allegations.

4. MPC v. Standex Electronics Inc, warranty dispute - 2019-2020

Throughout 2019 and in early 2020, Dr. Lequesne worked on a warranty dispute between two automotive component manufacturers (Miniature Precision Components Inc. v. Standex Electronics Inc., US District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin). The case was settled.

5. Crandall Technologies LLC v. Greatcall, Inc., patent infringement - 2019

In October 2019, Dr. Lequesne worked with the defendant in the case Crandall Technologies LLC v. Greatcall, Inc., writing a report making an invalidity argument against the plaintiff's patent. The technology is about self-defense systems, and pressure sensors in particular. The case was settled.

6. Ocado v. Autostore Technology AS, European Patent office -2021

Dr. Lequesne assisted a British firm with an Opposition Division Hearing at the European Patent Office, aiming at invalidating the opposing party's patent, something equivalent to the US Inter Partes review. The work consisted of writing a report supporting the case for invalidity. The technology at issue was a specific type of electric machines used in robotic systems, used for instance in warehousing facilities.

7. ZF v. Stoneridge Control Devices, Inc., Inter Partes Review - 2022-present, with deposition

The case concerns the validity of a patent on an electric parking-brake system, issued to Stoneridge. Dr. Lequesne wrote a report and was subsequently deposed in August 2023. A reply to the patent owner response followed. It is open.

8. Estate of Brock Bland v. Bombardier Recreational Products, Inc. – 2023-present

This case is about a vehicle accident for which Dr. Lequesne provided a report on matters related to electric power steering. He was deposed in April 2024. The case is on-going.

Depositions, four:

- For case #1, March 2016.
- For case #2, June 2016.
- For case #7, August 2023.
- For case #8, April 2024.

Testimony at trial, one, for case # 1, May 2016.