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James Bo Pearl is a partner specializing in complex commercial litigation. Mr. Pearl is a trial attorney who represents companies in the entertainment, sports, and technology industries. He has extensive experience in antitrust, intellectual property, First Amendment, and general business disputes.

Mr. Pearl is regularly included in the prestigious *Variety Legal Impact Report*, which lists the most influential entertainment attorneys. *Legal 500* recommends Mr. Pearl as an “outstanding litigator.” In 2017, *The Recorder* hailed him a “Giant-slayer” for his work in the Kesha/Dr. Luke litigation and in the same year, *The American Lawyer* nominated Mr. Pearl and his team for its Global Legal Litigation/Dispute Resolution Matter of the Year for their \$3 billion summary judgment win for Samsung in the Optical Disk Drive case.

Recent Representations

Mr. Pearl has led large teams of lawyers in industry transformative litigation, including:

Technology:

Mr. Pearl helped craft and execute a comprehensive antitrust litigation and regulatory strategy that propelled Advanced Micro Devices ascension in the microprocessor industry. The campaign involved a worldwide monopolization suit and related worldwide and domestic regulatory investigations. The effort resulted in a \$1.25 billion settlement and wide-ranging injunctive relief. The historic settlement was one of the largest single-plaintiff recoveries ever reported, and the settlement capped a series of litigation and regulatory wins around the world, including the European

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Practice Areas

Class Actions
Entertainment and Media Litigation
Entertainment and Media Complex Litigation and Arbitration
Antitrust and Competition

Admissions

California Bar

Education

Georgetown University
Law Center, J.D. 1998
University of California,
Davis, B.A. 1994

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Commission issuing a US\$1.4 billion fine against Intel, the largest fine ever issued by the European Commission.

Mr. Pearl also led a large team representing Agilent Technologies in trade secret litigation against former employees accused of misappropriating valuable DNA synthesis trade secrets. The litigation resulted in a \$22.5 million cash settlement for Agilent.

Sports:

Mr. Pearl led the team representing a leading boxing promoter in antitrust litigation that opened up sports broadcasting to free and open competition. The litigation led to prime time boxing from multiple promoters across networks and platforms.

Media:

Mr. Pearl led the representation of Kesha Sebert in litigation that ultimately propelled her return to the studio for the *Grammy*-nominated *Rainbow* album. The litigation raised historic challenges on behalf of artists seeking to record free of abusive working conditions.

Mr. Pearl led the defense of several idea theft cases involving tentpole properties like *Zootopia* and *The Last Samurai* resulting in full defense verdicts for his studio clients.

Further Representative Experience:

- Obtained dismissal of defamation claim for Real Housewives of Orange County star on anti-SLAPP motion.
- Obtained \$78 million settlement for Beach Point Capital Management in fraud and breach of contract action, including payment of all attorneys' fees.
- Represented Welterweight Champion Manny Pacquiao in Fifth Circuit. Argued appeal of successful terminating sanctions motion and prevailed in per curiam opinion.
- Obtained \$450 million plaintiff-side settlement for an aviation client in a contractual dispute.
- Obtained \$67 million plaintiff-side settlement for manufacturer in contractual dispute.
- Obtained \$8 million plaintiff-side settlement for manufacturer in a

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distributor termination and copyright infringement suit.

- Obtained complete dismissal for Samsung in Lithium Ion Batteries Antitrust Litigation.
- Represented 14-year-old Salvadoran child in oral argument at Ninth Circuit and obtained new trial and successful reversal of deportation order.
- Won summary judgment for defendant in \$40 million fraud, trade secret, and trademark action against a leading water product manufacturer.
- Won full dismissal of \$80 million suit alleging tortious interference with prospective economic advantage, prima facie tort, and willful misconduct against a group of investment funds in New York Supreme Court.
- Obtained full dismissal of antitrust claims versus a leading airplane parts manufacturer on motion to dismiss.
- Represented a “Big Four” accounting firm and led a briefing team of several major law firms. Achieved dismissal of US\$500 million corporate fraud suit at the pleading stage.
- Represented a motion picture studio in a price fixing and price discrimination suit brought against seven movie studios regarding revenue sharing in the home video industry.

Accolades and Recognitions

- Named to Variety’s Legal Impact Report, 2019 and 2020
- Named a “Giantslayer” by The Recorder for his work on Kesha litigation, 2017
- Named a “Leader in Law” Finalist in Entertainment by Los Angeles Business Journal, 2017
- Recommended for Antitrust: Civil Litigation/Class Actions by Legal 500, 2017
- Recommended as an “Outstanding Litigator” by Legal 500
- Named a Top 10 Competition Attorney Under 40 by Law360

Speaking Engagements and Publications

- “The New US Antitrust Administration - How the antitrust landscape may change in 2021: Compliance risks in a Democratic Washington,” Concurrences (January 12, 2021)
- “How Do We Get College Athletes the Compensation They

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- Deserve,"Law.com (October 2020)
- "Breaking Down the Epic v. Apple Fight," Lexology (September 25, 2020)
- "7 Keys To Drafting Effective Legal Briefs," Law360 (August 20, 2020)
- "The Difficulties of Showing Pass Through in Indirect Purchaser Component Cases," Competition (December 11, 2018)
- "Antitrust Class Actions After the Supreme Court's 2015 Term," Bloomberg BNA Antitrust & Trade Regulation Report (November 2015)
- "A Cost-Cutting Solution to the Discovery Burdens of Antitrust Disputes," Competition Policy International (May 2013)
- "Antitrust Statute Of Limitations: A Limit Only In Theory," Law360 (February 2013)
- "Expanding The Extraterritorial Reach Of US Antitrust Law," Law360 (June 2012)
- "Survival of the Fittest - Aspen Skiing," Law360 (April 2011)
- "Evidence Preservation Warfare; Ediscovery Lessons Learned from AMD v. Intel," ACC Docket (September 2010)

Professional and Community Involvement

- Board Member, Make-A-Wish Greater LA, 2013-Present (Board Chair, 2017-2019)
- Board of Directors, Kenley Jansen Foundation
- Georgetown University Law Alumni Board

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1998 (Editor, Georgetown Law Journal; Equal Justice Foundation Scholar)
- University of California at Davis, B.A., 1994 (Frank J. Mesple Scholarship Recipient; White House Intern)

News

October 01, 2020

Four Paul Hastings Partners Named Sports & Entertainment Law Trailblazers by The National Law Journal

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July 15, 2020

Paul Hastings Recognized in 2020 Variety's Legal Impact Report

Insights

November 20, 2020

How the Antitrust Landscape May Change in 2021: Compliance Risks in a Democratic Washington

September 25, 2020

Breaking Down the *Epic v. Apple* Fight

Rankings & Awards

July 14, 2020

Recognized in Variety's 2020 Legal Impact Report