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Sean T. Hamada is a principal and co-founder of Hamada Smith, PLLC and practices in the Firm's litigation section. Prior to forming Hamada Smith, Sean was a founding principal and the managing partner of Carter Scholer Arnett Hamada & Mockler, PLLC, a leading IP and commercial litigation boutique in Dallas, Texas.

Sean has more than 30 years of experience representing companies and individuals in Texas and California on a variety of business litigation and transactional matters. Early in his career, Sean developed the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) as a client, and defended the MTA, its project managers, general contractors, and subcontractors on numerous multi-party litigation matters involving the construction of its light rail transit system, which at the time, was one of the largest federally funded public works projects in the country. Sean later combined his business background with his passion for technology by serving as a general counsel and executive for various related flat panel display (FPD) ventures that designed and produced displays and electronic modules for the telecommunications and emerging technologies industries.

Sean currently practices in both state and federal courts in Texas and California, and represents clients on complex, high stakes, business litigation matters, injunctions, arbitrations, and trials involving misappropriation of trade secrets and intellectual property (including trademark, copyright, and patent infringement), violations of the Texas Harmful Access by Computer Act, violations of the federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, breach of contract, tortious interference, and shareholder derivative claims. Given his business and technology background, Sean is also frequently called upon to represent technology start-ups and entrepreneurs on entity formation, protection of intellectual property, contract negotiations, and outside general counsel matters.

Honors and Distinctions:

- Recipient of State Bar of Texas Asian Pacific Interest Section Outstanding Mentor Award, 2016
- Recipient of Dallas Bar Association Outstanding Minority Attorney Award, 2010
- Selected for inclusion in Thomson Reuters' *Super Lawyers*® (Texas), since 2012
- Named to *D Magazine* Best Lawyers for Business Litigation, 2014-2016

Professional Memberships and Community Involvement:

- State Bar of Texas
- Professionalism Committee, 2016-Present
- Judge Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court, Barrister, 2012-2015
- Associate Judge Merit Selection Panel, Dallas County
- Dallas Bar Association
 - Secretary-Treasurer, 2011
 - Judicial Investiture Committee Chair, 2012
 - Professionalism Committee, Member
 - Courthouse Committee, Member
 - Business Litigation Section, Member
 - Judiciary Committee, Co-chair, 2010-2011
- Dallas Asian American Bar Association, Member
 - Director, 2010-2014
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Member
 - Solo and Small Firm Committee
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Dallas Bar Foundation, Life Patron Fellow
 - Director, 2015-2022
- The DAYL Foundation, Life Fellow
- United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
 - Priority Needs Grant Panel Co-Chair, Early Childhood Development, 2010
 - Priority Needs Grant Panel Member, Legal Services & Adult Literacy, 2008-2009

Published Works and Speaking Engagements:

- “Who’s the Client? A Lawyer’s Ethical and Legal Duties to the Client and Others When Forming or Representing a Closely Held Entity,” *Essentials of Business Law: Protecting Your Business*, TexasBarCLE, Houston, Texas, March 2018
- “The Future of Technology in the Law Practice,” *Family Law & Technology: Keeping Your Family Law Practice in Pace with the Latest Technological Advancements*, TexasBarCLE, Austin, Texas, December 2016
- “Technology for the Small Law Firm,” *The Advocate*, State Bar of Texas Litigation Section, Winter 2015
- Speaker, Dallas Bar Association Minority Clerkship Luncheon (multiple years)
- Speaker, Dallas Bar Association Minority Participation Mentoring Dinner (multiple years)
- Speaker, Dallas Bar Association Minority Participation Luncheon (multiple years)
- “Beyond the ELMO: Graphics, Models, and Much More!,” Moderator, Trial Skills Training Camp, UT CLE, May 2014
- “#blurredlines: Ethical Marketing on Social Media,” State Bar of Texas Women in Law Course, March 2014
- “Ethical Marketing on Social Media,” *Women in the Law*, TexasBarCLE, March 2014
- Panelist, “APAs in Law Firms,” NAPABA/NAPALSA Convention, Kansas City, November 2013
- “The CFAA Has Been ‘Hacked’: Historic and Current Trends in Employer-Employee Litigation under the CFAA,” State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, Intellectual Property Section, June 2013

- “Navigating the Social Media Minefield,” State Bar of Texas Essentials of Business Law Course, March 2013
- Panelist, Dallas Diversity Task Force, September 2012
- “Be Careful What You Tweet: The Ethical Use of Social Media in Law Practice,” Dallas Bar Association, June 2012
- “Issues Involving Data, Smart Mobile Devices, and Litigation,” 2012 Dallas City Attorney’s Office 13th Annual CLE Program, June 2012
- “What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About the Move to a ‘Paperless’ Society,” State Bar of Texas 9th Annual Insurance Law Course, April 2012
- “Using an iPad® in Your Law Practice,” Dallas Minority Attorney Program, Dallas Bar Association, April 2012
- “20 Litigation & Trial Tech Tips in 20 Minutes,” The University of Texas School of Law CLE, Page Keeton Civil Litigation Conference, October 2011
- “Tips for Creating and Running a Digital Law Office,” Dallas Bar Association, July 2011

Education:

- Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, 1993, Dallas, Texas
Juris Doctor
- University of California, 1988, Berkeley, California
Bachelor of Arts

Admissions:

- California, 1993
- Texas, 1999
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

Practice Areas:

- Business Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Trade Secrets, Restrictive Covenants & Unfair Competition