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Practice Areas

Intellectual Property

Mergers & Acquisitions
Advertising, Media & Communications
Law, Copyrights, IP Licensing, IP Litigation,
Trade Secrets

Education

George Washington University, School of
Law, LL.M in Intellectual Property, 2009

Inter American University School of Law,
J.D., 2007, Magna Cum Laude

University of Miami, B.A. in Political
Science, 2004

Bar Admissions

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

State of California

State of Illinois

Jean G. Vidal-Font is a Capital Member Attorney in our intellectual property practice and currently chairs the Firm's Recruiting Committee. As part of his role in the intellectual property practice, Jean directs the Firm's patent litigation practice a, which has included litigation throughout several states, and has a strong entertainment law practice where he currently represents prominent artists in both litigation and transactional matters.

In addition, Jean has an active practice on licensing and transactional matters ranging from trademark procurement and enforcement, data breach responses and protection compliance, as well as international distribution agreements. Jean's combination of litigation and transactional experience has allowed him to provide both defensive and proactive solutions to clients on how they leverage their intellectual property portfolio both domestically and internationally.

Jean is a frequent speaker on intellectual property topics such as copyright, trademark, and trade secrets.

Prior to joining Ferraiuoli, Jean began his career as an Associate in the San Juan boutique law firm of José A. Cuevas-Segarra, concentrating in civil litigation. During that time, he worked on high profile cases such as the "Paseo Caribe" litigation before the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico, reported at *San Geronimo Caribe Project Inc. v. ELA, et al*, 2008 T.S.P.R. 129 and also served as an assistant editor for Dr. Cuevas Segarra's Treatise on Civil Procedure, Supplemental Edition. Jean was also an Associate at another San Juan firm where he worked on commercial litigation matters, trademark and copyright infringement as well as tort defense cases and helped to develop that firm's Intellectual Property practice.

Get to know Jean

Why Ferraiuoli?

As an Intellectual Property practitioner, it really boils down to “why not Ferraiuoli”. We have been at the forefront of intellectual property in Puerto Rico since its start and there is no place on the Island better equipped to deal with the challenges facing copyright, patent and trademark owners. At Ferraiuoli, we haven’t shied away from going beyond our shores to advocate for our clients in stateside courts with the same intensity as national law firms. In short, this is the place to be if you want to be in the driver’s seat of Intellectual Property in Puerto Rico.

Why do your clients come to you?

Clients know that I am always available for them and can expect an immediate response. Law is first and foremost a service industry, and the client comes first. I strive to make sure our clients know that.

What do you find most rewarding?

Knowing that a client has one less thing to worry about once we have set our attention on the issue at hand.

Representative Cases or Transactions

- Oriental Group v. Cooperativa Oriental, reported at 750 F. Supp. 2d 396 (D. Puerto Rico 2010) (Dismissing trademark dilution and infringement claims on the alleged word mark, thereby limiting the injunctive relief to a recently adopted trade dress.)
- Watchtower Bible v. Sagardía, et al., reported at 634 F.3d 3 (1st Cir. 2011) (Defended the constitutionality of Puerto Rico’s Controlled Access Laws, affirming District Court’s decision on the facial constitutional challenge.)
- Tierra Intelectual Borinquen, Inc. v. HTC, et al., 2014 WL 1912341 (E.D. Texas) (Obtaining favorable claim construction order despite opposing party’s expert declaration.)
- SecureNova v. LG Electronics, et al., 2014 WL 5339188 (E.D. Texas) (Successfully opposing Defendant’s Motion to Dismiss.)
- LSREF2 Island Holdings, Ltd. v. Enhancers, Inc., et al., 2014 WL 1387359 (P.R. Court of Appeals) (Successfully overturned court order that forced the public disclosure of the Client’s Asset and Purchase Agreement, in disregard to the litigation-security provisions of the Puerto Rico Trade Secrets Act.)
- ALD Acquisitions, LLC v. El Piex Puertorriqueño, et al., 2014 WL 1340680 (P.R. Court of Appeals) (Affirming successful Motion for Summary Judgment on breach of contract and collection of monies alongside dismissal of Defendants’ counterclaims.)

- Mark Smith, et al. *Condado Duo La Concha SPV, LLC., et al.*, 2017 WL 8950421 (D. Puerto Rico 2017) (Prevailing in dismissing damages and products liability claim on statute of limitations despite plaintiff's arguments to tolling by virtue of the discovery rule.)
- *The Estate of Rafael Leavitt-Rey v. Samuel Marrero-González et al.*, 3:16-cv-02769-RAM (D. Puerto Rico) (Prevailing in copyright infringement claim and establishing a holding that PRO licenses obtained after the alleged infringement occurred cannot be applied retroactively to cure said infringement.)

Speaking Engagements

- Implications of the Puerto Rico Cybersecurity Act, presented on October 30, 2024, at the Annual Forum for the Insurance Industry of the Colegio de CPA of Puerto Rico.
- Trade Secrets and Patent Rights in the Restaurants and the Food Industry, presented at Interamerican University, School of Law: *Derecho y Gastronomía*, April 26, 2024.
- The Puerto Rico Cybersecurity Act: Implications for the Private Enterprise, co-presenter on April 12, 2024, at BSides Puerto Rico: Cybersecurity, Healthcare, and Biotechnology Conference.
- Propiedad Intelectual para Empresarias, presented at America's SBDC – Puerto Rico: *Mujer, Innovación y Transformación: Una Mirada Hacia el Futuro*, November 3, 2023.
- Artificial Intelligence: Legal Considerations, presented on May 11, 2023, at the Annual Forum for the Insurance Industry of the Colegio de CPA of Puerto Rico.
- Microjuris – Online CLE Course for 1 Credit – “Protección de datos 101: datos locales, niveles globales”.
- Day in the Life of an Intellectual Property Practitioner, Interamerican University, School of Law, March 14, 2023 alongside Claudia B. Alonso.
- The Do's and Don'ts of Effective Oral Advocacy, presented at 2019 HNBA Annual Conference, on September 28, 2019, alongside Pedro Pavón, Frank Porcelli, Kavita Bhalla, Marco Molina, and moderated by Ricardo Bonilla.
- The Four Corners of Intellectual Property, presented at the Segundo Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center, Chicago, IL, March 20, 2016.
- Your Worst Nightmare: You've Been Hacked, presented at the Healthcare Financial Managers Association, May 20, 2016, alongside Robert Náter and Luis O. Rodríguez.
- Key Copyright Issues for Journalist, Bloggers and Writers, presented at the Puerto Rico Department of State, October 24, 2015.
- Managing Disputes in the Online World, presented at the First Virtual Encounter for Accountants in the Americas, August 15, 2014.
- Puerto Rico Trade Secrets Act of 2011, co-presented at the Puerto Rico Bar Association Annual Convention, September 9, 2011, Fajardo, Puerto Rico.
- Fundamentals of Intellectual Property Practice: Copyrights, Trademarks, Patents and Trade Secrets, co-presented at the University of Puerto Rico, School of Law (EJC), April 8, 2011, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Credit Unions in the 21st Century: The Need to Protect Trademarks in a Global Market, presented at the National Convention of Credit Unions of Puerto Rico, October 31, 2010, Punta Cana, D.R.

- Copyright: Basic Concepts for Artists, presented at Centro Empresarial para Músicos Culturarte (CEMCA), September 16, 2010, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Publications

- Sharing Media On Social Networks: Infringement. By Linking? 3.2-UPRBL-J-255 (2012)
- Are Specialized Courts the Key to the U.S.? A Comparative Look at the United Kingdom Patent Courts and the U.S. 47 Rev. Jurídica U. Inter. P.R. 53 (2013)
- Propiedad intelectual: práctica y desarrollo | Microjuris al Día (2015)
- Blog: Temas de Propiedad Intelectual Jean Vidal Font | Microjuris al Día (2015)
- Secuencia de posiciones de yoga no es elegible a protección bajo Ley de Derechos de Autor | Microjuris al Día (2015)
- De amigos a socios: Qué hacer para asegurar la propiedad intelectual | Microjuris al Día (2019)
- Decisión del Supremo federal impacta uso gubernamental de derechos de propiedad intelectual | Microjuris al Día (2019)
- El agente bajo la DMCA y las plataformas digitales | Microjuris al Día (2019)
- ¿Me demandan por publicar una foto mía? Una lección en derechos de autor | Microjuris al Día (2019)
- Propiedad intelectual para «influencers» | Microjuris al Día (2020)
- Me fui viral, ¿ahora cómo protejo la propiedad intelectual sobre mi contenido? | Microjuris al Día (2020)
- ¿Qué hago si tengo un data breach? | Microjuris al Día (2021)
- ¿Una computadora puede ser la inventora de una patente? | Microjuris al Día (2021)
- La protección de datos no es un asunto local | Microjuris al Día (2022)
- El Copyright Claims Board: ¿oportunidad o amenaza? | Microjuris al Día (2022)
- La auditoría de propiedad intelectual: ejercicio clave para todo negocio | Microjuris al Día (2022)
- COLUMNA – ¿Y qué pasará con el dembow? | Microjuris al Día (2023)
- Los derechos de autor y la inteligencia artificial: ¿Innovación o violación? | Microjuris al Día (2023)

Professional Recognition

- Recognized since 2019 by [Best Lawyers®](#) in Puerto Rico for Intellectual Property Law.
- Ranked since 2017 in the [Chambers & Partners](#) Latin America Guide as a distinguished Intellectual Property attorney in Puerto Rico.