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Ifti is an intellectual property litigator who primarily directs his practice towards utility and design patent litigation, AIA challenges before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, IP law-related appeals, IP disputes with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and trade secret litigation.

Most recently, Ifti managed, served as Second Chair in the landmark Federal Circuit case of LKQ v. GM, where the Federal Circuit, sitting en banc, delivered a historic and comprehensive victory to Ifti's client by overruling the long-running Rosen-Durling test for design patent obviousness. In addition to managing the en banc appeal and the two Federal Circuit panel appeals from which the en banc appeal originated, Ifti also managed the numerous AIA challenges that led to those appeals. Ifti recently assisted a casino gaming company in defending against a patent infringement action and securing denial of a TRO that threatened its trade show participation. Prior to that, Ifti's most notable achievements included co-drafting a petition upon which the PTAB instituted inter partes review of a patent touted by its Fortune 500 owner to be the foundation of a billion-dollar-per-year business, and helping as a member of a team to obtain first-of-its-kind high-stakes expedited emergency injunctive relief against U.S. Customs and Border Protection before the United States Court of International Trade.

Ifti has a proven talent for quickly becoming fluent in virtually all types of technical and design subject areas. He has worked with technical subject matter spanning myriad technology areas, including:

Practice Areas

- Arts and Entertainment Law
- Automotive
- Copyright Litigation
- Customs Disputes Litigation
- Design Patent Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Office Validity Challenges
- Trade Secret, NDA, & Non-Compete Litigation
- Trademark & Advertising Litigation
- Utility Patent Litigation
- Intellectual Property Transactions & Counseling

Miller Johnson & Irwin IP

Irwin IP LLP has joined Miller Johnson, marking a powerful union of talent and expertise. *By combining our strengths, we enhance our ability to protect innovation and defend our clients in complex intellectual property matters. In today's fast-paced economy, safeguarding ideas, technologies, and brands is more critical than ever. Together, we offer even more comprehensive and strategic solutions. Our shared values and aligned vision make this merger a natural fit—and we look forward to a successful future, united in service to our clients and communities*

- media servers,
- self-balancing transporter devices,
- enterprise servers and databases,
- automotive design and parts,
- vehicle telematics and diagnostics devices,
- vision science and related telemedicine,
- polymer chemistry, and
- dental healthcare products

Ifti also devotes time to pro bono work, helping artists, authors, and entertainers navigate challenging intellectual property quandaries and copyright, trademark, and licensing disputes.

Professional Affiliations, Activities, and Honors

Ifti is a member of the AIPLA and is active in a number of its committees, including the Patent Litigation committee and its Damages subcommittee and the PTAB Trials committee.

Articles and Presentations

Ifti is a frequent speaker on patent and other intellectual property litigation to legal professional organizations and various organizations in the arts and entertainment space. He most recently published a paper through the AIPLA regarding recent developments the use of experts in IP litigation and contributed to the AIPLA's 2024 Damages Year in Review paper and presentation. He also regularly writes on newsworthy developments in intellectual property law, and one of his articles was featured in the March/April issue of IP Litigator, a Wolters Kluwer publication.

Speaking Engagement & Presentations

- *IP Headaches and How to Avoid Them*, Filmscape 2025, June 22, 2025
- Damages Year-in-Review Presentation, AIPLA 2024, February 26, 2025
- *Using Experts in IP Litigation, Impact of Revised Rule 702, and EcoFactor En Banc*, 2025 AIPLA Spring Meeting, panelist speaker, May 14, 2025
- AIPLA Patent Damages Subcommittee 2024 Year-in-Review Presentation (co-presenter speaking on *EcoFactor v. Google*), February 26, 2025
- *Deconstructing Design Patent Obviousness*, AIPLA Patent Litigation Committee, discussing the genesis

Education

- J.D., University of Iowa College of Law, 2013
- B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 2009

Bar and Court Admissions

- Illinois
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of International Trade
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Professional Affiliations

- American Intellectual Property Association (AIPLA), Patent Litigation committee, Damages subcommittee, PTAB Trails committee

of the *LKQ v. GM* en banc appeal, September 10, 2024

Selected Publications

- *EcoFactor v. Google — Insights into Amended Rule 702,* AIPLA, (May 14, 2025)
- *Damages Year-in-Review Memorandum*, AIPLA 2024, (February 26, 2025)
- *EcoFactor v. Google — Insights into Amended Rule 702*, co-author with Jack Roberts and Laura Davis, AIPLA Spring Meeting, May 14, 2025
- *Maybe the Third Time is the Charm After All: Nokia of America Corp v. Alexander Soto and Walter Soto*, IP Litigator, PTO Practice, March 1, 2025
- *2024 Damages Year in Review Memorandum*, co-author, AIPLA Patent Damages Subcommittee, February 18, 2025
- *Isn't It Obvious? — The Constitutional Origin of Patent Law's Non-Obviousness Requirement*, April 23, 2024
- *Challenging The Design Patent Obviousness Test: Debunking the Rationale for Low Rejection Rates*, Apr. 5, 2024
- *Standing in Limbo: What Platinum Optics v. Viavi Tells Us About IPR Appeals*, September 29, 2024.
- *SCOTUS Stills Courts' Inner Art Critic — Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts v. Goldsmith*, June 15, 2023.
- *Sanctions for Attorney Misconduct at a Dep: Fact or Fiction? — James Corey Goode, et al v. Roger Richards Ramsaur, et al*, May 30, 2023
- *Fair Use Ping-Pong — Google LLC v. Oracle America, Inc.*, Jul .16, 2021
- *The Place of Business is People — In re Google*, March 3, 2020
- *When "Fight Hard" Pays Off — Blackbird Tech. v. Health in Motion*, January 13, 2020
- *Airbus Snuffs Out Fire Prevention Patent — Airbus v. Firepass*, Nov. 15, 2019
- *Trademark Applicant Gets FUCT — Iancu v. Brunetti*, July 2, 2019
- *Ancora v. HTC — Enfish Secured; Alice Abridged*, November 19, 2018.

Education

Ifti received his law degree in 2013 from the University of Iowa College of Law and his undergraduate degree in 2009 from the University of Texas at Austin.

Bar and Court Admissions

Ifti is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the United States Court of International Trade, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the State of Illinois.