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Mr. Bass is Of Counsel in the Electronics Group. He began his legal career clerking for Justice Hugo Black of the Supreme Court. In the past 30 years, he has gained extensive experience briefing and arguing cases in federal and state courts across the country. Mr. Bass was the principal author of the petitioner's brief in *Wal-Mart v. Samara*, where the Supreme Court unanimously reversed the Second Circuit and established a significant principle for trade dress protection. He was also a principal author of IBM's brief in *In re Beauregard* that led directly to the United States Patent and Trademark Office's acceptance of patents for software on computer media. Most recently, he was a principal author of the appellees' *en banc* brief in *Phillips v. AWH*, a landmark decision that clarified the rules of claim construction.

Mr. Bass 's background education in chemistry and his practical experience in electronics and software give him unique insights into presentation of intellectual property cases at the appellate level.

An adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center, Mr. Bass teaches a seminar in appellate advocacy. He is also active in arranging moot courts at the Georgetown Supreme Court Institute. The Institute conducts moot courts in 80% of the cases argued at the Court. Mr. Bass was one of the moot judges in many of the cases, the most significant intellectual property cases at the Court.

Mr. Bass is a Past President of the prestigious American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and a founding Master of the Edward Coke Inn of Appellate Practice.

Education

J.D. Yale University, *cum laude*,
Order of the Coif
A.B. Chemistry, Duke University,
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Admissions

District of Columbia
Virginia
Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals
United States Court of Appeals for the
Federal Circuit
United States Supreme Court