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John Alison is a litigation partner in Winston & Strawn's Washington, DC office who has handled U.S. patent and trademark infringement cases for more than 28 years. He also currently serves as Managing Partner of Winston's Taiwan Office.

Prior to joining Winston, Mr. Alison served from 2004 through 2007 as Managing Partner of the Taiwan branch of a major U.S. intellectual property law firm, and from 2008 to 2013 as one of four supervisory Partners. He was license in 2004 to practice foreign law in Taiwan by Taiwan's Ministry of Justice and has continuously served as an active member of the Taipei Bar Association over the past 10 years.

Mr. Alison has extensive experience representing clients in the areas of semiconductors, optoelectronics, and telecommunication in the greater China region, as well as pharmaceuticals and biotechnology. Most recently, he has represented HTC, VIA Technologies, and S3 Graphics Co. Ltd. in ITC proceedings and U.S. district court litigation filed against Apple and has defended HTC against multiple ITC investigations filed by Nokia against HTC. Mr. Alison also has represented semiconductor manufacturers Actions Semiconductor and Systems General, optoelectronic manufacturers such as Wintek, HannStar, TPO and consumer electronic device manufacturers such as Lite-On and Chicony. Mr. Alison also remains active in pharmaceutical Hatch-Waxman pharmaceutical patent litigation involving of both branded and generic manufacturers.

Mr. Alison currently teaches intellectual property law at National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan, and at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. He previously was named as a Guest Research Fellow at Peking University's Institute of International Intellectual Property Protection, and as an associate professor at National Chiao Tung University, Institute of Technology Law, in Taipei, Taiwan.

In addition to the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) , Mr. Alison is a founding member of Licensing Executives Society International, Chinese Taipei, where he has served as a founding member, a past vice-president, and now a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Alison also remains an active member of the American Bar Association (Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Division and Antitrust Division), and the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

Finally, Mr. Alison is a long-standing member of Rotary International. His home club is Taipei Tin Harbor (District 3480), where he serves with joy and distinction as the club's Director of International Relations.