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### PRACTICE AREAS

Intellectual Property

Litigation

Medical Devices

Patents

Trade Secret, Trademark & Copyright

### EDUCATION

JD, with Distinction – Duke University  
School of Law, Note and Comment  
Editor, Duke Law Journal

AB – College of the Holy Cross, US  
Naval Officer School, Newport, RI

### ADMISSIONS

Connecticut

North Carolina

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal  
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First  
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second  
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh  
Circuit

U.S. District Court Eastern District of  
New York

### PROFILE

During his career as a trial lawyer, Fran Morrison's clients have entrusted him with the trial to verdict and/or judgment of some 70 cases. Those cases have included defense and prosecution of matters with multi million and billion dollar exposure involving critical technological patents and trade secrets. The technologies have included: direct current brushless motors; wireless lighting control systems; microprocessor applications in fresh produce delivery systems; electromagnetic nonchemical water treatment systems, synthesis/resolution of organic pharmaceutical compounds; relationship of pH and solubility to pharmaceutical delivery systems; respirator filter media involving plasma fluorination and hydrocharging; anterior spinal fusion technologies; medical devices involving laser applications; and various assorted business-related trade secrets and confidential information.

Fran's trials have also included products liability and commercial claims involving turbo propeller control systems; gas turbine design, operation and maintenance; commercial truck steering gear design; tobacco and health issues and fraud and unfair trade practice claims. He has also devoted substantial pro bono efforts on behalf of prisoners and military veterans.

Fran is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers since 1993 and a charter member of the American Board of Trial Advocates in Connecticut since 1984.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American College of Trial Lawyers

U.S. District Court Southern District of  
New York

U.S. Supreme Court

- American Bar Association, Section of Litigation Law
- Connecticut Bar Association, Litigation Section
- Corporation Counsel, Town of West Hartford, CT (1983-1985)
- Line Officer (weapons, crypto, legal and officer of the deck underway), U.S. Navy (1969-1972); USS Grand Canyon (AR-28)

## EXPERIENCE

### Representative Patent and Trade Secret Matters

- Co-tried to conclusion for a generic pharmaceutical manufacturer a bench trial involving claims of obviousness and lack of written description regarding patented pharmaceutical composition Omidria.
- Tried to verdict for patentee medical device manufacturer case involving patented spinal fusion technology.
- Tried to verdict for patentee a jury case involving patented plasma fluorinated and hydrocharged filter media (including trial of Walker Process and sham litigation claims).
- Tried to judgment for defendant generic pharmaceutical manufacturer in a case involving patented pharmaceutical composition Intuniv\* (Guanfacine).
- Tried to judgment for defendant generic pharmaceutical manufacturer case involving patented pharmaceutical composition Lyrica\* (Pregabalin).
- Tried jury case to settlement for defendant generic pharmaceutical manufacturer/Purepac case involving patented pharmaceutical drug Neurontin\* (Gabapentin).
- Tried to conclusion Motion for TRO/PI for defendant generic pharmaceutical manufacturer case involving patented drug Restoril (Temazepam).
- Tried TRO for plaintiff optical fiber manufacturer case involving technical trade secrets.
- Co-tried to judgment for defendant trade secret claims related to electromagnetic water treatment technology.

- Obtained summary judgment of infringement and validity for patentee case involving electronic temperature and acceleration monitors and argued subsequent Federal Circuit appeal.
- Handled Markman hearing on behalf of defendant case involving hand tool technology.
- Tried to verdict on behalf of international defendant infringement and validity claims involving direct current brushless fans used to cool electronic devices.
- Tried to judgment on behalf of defendant brand pharmaceutical manufacturer trade secret claims related to the launch of OxyContin®.

#### Representative Commercial and Products Liability Matters

- Tried to judgment for international plaintiff breach of contract claims involving ethylene oxide supply contract.
- Tried to verdict for defendant steering gear manufacturer wrongful death products liability claim related to metallurgy and strength of materials issues.
- Tried to verdict (hung jury) for defendant Big Four automobile manufacturer wrongful death unwanted acceleration claim.
- Tried to verdict for defendant major life insurer claims involving vanishing premium, fraud and unfair trade practices.
- Tried to verdict for defendant Brown & Williamson case claiming wrongful death products liability claim related to tobacco and health issues.
- Tried to verdict for defendant disability insurer claims of breach of contract, bad faith and fraud.

#### Representative Appellate Matters

Fran has briefed and argued numerous appeals before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second and Seventh and Federal Circuits and the Connecticut Supreme and Appellate Courts. These appeals have concerned patent infringement and invalidity, supply contract issues involving world-wide high tech chemical processes, claims of fraud and

unfair trade practices, products liability, medical malpractice, civil rights and tax exemption issues.

## HONORS

- *Chambers USA* – Connecticut: Litigation (2005 – 2020)
- *Lawdragon*, 500 Leading Litigators in America (2023-2024)
- *Best Lawyers in America* (1993 – 2024)
- *Super Lawyers* (2006 – 2022)
- *Connecticut Law Tribune* – Lifetime Achievement Award (2018)
- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll (High Honors, 2022-2023)