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Ben Luehrs is a trial lawyer who has helped secure jury verdicts and post-trial relief for plaintiffs totaling over \$430,000,000. He has litigated complex civil cases, on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants, before Federal Courts throughout the country and the International Trade Commission. His experience spans many industries, including consumer electronics, life sciences, medical devices, aviation, and other mechanical and electrical arts.

Most recently, in January 2024, Mr. Luehrs was a member of a trial team that represented a patent holder, **Ravgen, Inc., against Natera Inc.** in a Federal Court patent infringement jury trial concerning non-invasive prenatal testing. The jury found the asserted patent valid and infringed. The jury's verdict against Natera followed a prior finding of willful infringement by LabCorp on the same patent. Mr. Luehrs' responsibilities at the *Ravgen* trials included taking testimony from the patent holder's founder and CEO and cross-examining one of the LabCorp's fact-witnesses with knowledge about **LabCorp's willful infringement**.

Prior to joining Desmarais LLP, as a fifth-year associate, Mr. Luehrs served as the first-chair trial attorney for the designer of the Laser sailboat, Bruce Kirby, in a Federal Court jury trial concerning willful trademark infringement and misappropriation of Mr. Kirby's name and likeness. The jury found the defendants' infringement willful and awarded Mr. Kirby millions in damages, including punitive damages. Following the trial, Mr. Luehrs successfully briefed and argued a post-trial motion and secured a further award of over \$730,000 in attorneys' fees for Mr. Kirby.

Prior Experience

- Associate, Whitmyer IP Group LLC (2017 - 2021)

Courts

- United States District Court for the District of Connecticut
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D., Intellectual Property & Technology Concentration, 2015; Dean's Distinguished Scholarship; Maynard Pirsig Moot Court

Bethel University, B.A., Business and Political Science, 2011

ADMISSIONS

2023, New York

2019, Connecticut

2015, Minnesota

Registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office

- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

Clerk & Government Experience

- Judicial Law Clerk for the Hon. Susan R. Miles, Minnesota Tenth Judicial District Court, 2016-2017