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### TECH INDUSTRY LITIGATION DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR FINALIST: KNOBBE MARTENS

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**K**nobbe Martens is one of the finalists of The Recorder's Tech Industry Litigation Department of the Year award. Read a Q&A with them below.

#### **What do you see as your team's most significant achievements over the past year?**

Over the past year, Knobbe Martens' litigation team delivered a series of landmark results that cemented our position as a premier technology and life sciences trial powerhouse. Most notably, we leveraged our deep technical expertise and trial experience to secure more than \$1 billion in jury awards in highstakes disputes against some of the industry's largest companies.

In *Masimo v. Apple*, our team obtained a \$634 million jury verdict, the largest patent infringement award in California in 2025 and among the biggest ever in the medical device sector, vindicating a pioneering innovator's core wearablehealth technology. In *Applied Medical v. Medtronic*, we achieved a \$381 million jury verdict,

holding a global industry leader accountable for anticompetitive conduct and reinforcing fair competition in lifesaving surgical markets.

On the defense side, we delivered an overwhelming defense verdict for x-ray technology innovator Sigray, limiting damages to a fraction of what was sought and defeating claims of willfulness and tradeseecret misappropriation in a case that had enormous financial stakes for our client.

In March 2026, we secured a complete defensive victory for Edwards Lifesciences in a patent dispute with Aortic Innovations involving Edwards' lifesaving transcatheter aortic heart valve (TAVR) product, bringing the nearly five-year dispute to a decisive close and enabling Edwards to continue advancing life-improving innovations worldwide.

Our team also secured other notable appellate and bench victories over the past year,

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including a HatchWaxman success for Padagis Pharmaceuticals, clearing the path for affordable glaucoma treatment.

As these results show, Knobbe Martens' litigators consistently deliver results that protect innovation and shift markets, and win when it matters most.

### **What does your firm look for when hiring a litigator?**

Many of our litigators have spent their entire legal careers at Knobbe Martens. We value our culture and take a long-term approach to recruiting. We look for attorneys who are smart, collaborative, and supportive of our team culture. We also look for litigators with a demonstrated interest in working with cutting-edge clients and technologies—in other words, those who show curiosity and a desire to work at the forefront of innovation.

### **What do you see as your firm's competitive advantage compared to other firms when a client considers you for representation on a piece of litigation?**

We bring an understanding of our client's industries, technologies, and business goals to every matter, and we put that knowledge to work to win cases. Most of our litigators have technical degrees and backgrounds, and/or worked as engineers or scientists before joining Knobbe Martens, meaning we don't have to get up to speed on the technology and can jump right in to develop the best litigation strategy. Having over 60 litigation partners in California and offices around the U.S. with this level of experience and knowledge to handle complicated IP disputes is a tremendous asset to our clients.

### **How is the business of litigation changing, and how are you adapting to those changes?**

Our clients are constantly innovating, and the law is constantly changing—we must adapt by staying current on law and technology, and working with our clients to understand their business needs. One major development is the increasing adoption of AI tools in litigation. These tools present tremendous opportunities for efficiency and enhanced service delivery to our clients, but must be balanced against new and evolving risks.