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Background

David's second career, as a trial lawyer and patent litigator, follows a career in professional baseball that spanned five seasons. His journey as a minor-league catcher and coach in the Seattle Mariners, Oakland A's, and Texas Rangers organizations was chronicled by Texas Lawyer and by Baylor Law School's Rocket Docket, which described his most recent baseball adventure as a member of New Zealand's 2012 World Baseball Classic team.

David's passion to compete and win has translated well into his legal pursuits. With more than a dozen years of law practice under his belt, David enjoys litigating complex cases across multiple fields, including intellectual property, business, oil and gas, sports and entertainment, and consumer-related matters.

David's courtroom experience, which includes numerous first-chair engagements, includes successful trials in both federal and state court, in Texas and outside of Texas. Since 2007, he has focused the vast majority of his time and efforts representing plaintiffs in high-stakes patent litigation. He was elected by his fellow IP lawyers to serve as Chair of the Tarrant County Bar Association's Intellectual Property Section from 2009 to 2010.

David has been accorded the highest Peer Review Rating™ by Martindale-Hubbell®: AV Preeminent®.

Awards & Recognitions

Named a "Texas Super Lawyer" for the years 2011-2019. "Super Lawyers" is a Thomson-Reuters service printed in Texas Monthly.

Named a "Super Lawyer-Rising Star" for the years 2006-2009, 2011-2013. "Super Lawyer-Rising Stars" is a Thomson-Reuters service selected by peer review ratings.

Recognized as a Top Attorney by 360West Magazine 2018

Included on a list of "Top Attorneys" in 2013-2018, Fort Worth, Texas Magazine.

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Areas of Practice

Intellectual Property

Patent Infringement

Commercial Litigation, Including Oil & Gas

Sports & Entertainment

Associations & Memberships

State Bar of Texas

Tarrant County Bar Association

Barrister, Eldon B. Mahon American Inn of Court

Christ Chapel Bible Church



Education

Baylor University School of Law (2003)

University of Arkansas-Fayetteville (1995)

Bar/Court Admissions

Texas Bar (2003)

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court