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Background

Tom Harkins is an experienced IP attorney who has had an active civil litigation and appellate practice for over 30 years. His specific experience includes preparing a successful Respondents' Brief in Opposition to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Supreme Court in a complex computer copyright action. He also set a precedent in bankruptcy law as to the requirement of notice for discharge purposes when a case is converted from Chapter 11 to Chapter 7 (*In re Pannell*, 136 B.R. 430 (N.D. Tex.), *aff'd* without opin. (5th Cir. 1992).

Tom has handled trial and mediation in a dispute over church property due to a church split, and he has successfully defended an author in a First Amendment case on appeal. Tom has filed multiple appellate briefs, motions and arguments in numerous forums. A large percentage of the cases he has worked on involve intellectual property.

Awards & Recognitions

AV-Rated Martindale-Hubbell®: Preeminent™

Named a Top Attorney by Fort Worth, Texas Magazine for 2022.

Recognized as a Top Attorney by 360 West Magazine 2018 to present

Areas of Practice

1st Amendment Issues
Appellate Practice
Bankruptcy
Business Litigation
Intellectual Property



Education

- JD Duke University
- BA Furman University

Bar/Court Admissions

- Texas Bar (1988)
- US Supreme Court
- US Court of Appeals for the Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, and Eleventh Circuits
- US District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas