

David A. Skeels

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Background

David's second career, as a trial lawyer and intellectual property lawyer, 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 has been chronicled by multiple publications, including *Texas Lawyer* and Baylor Law School's [Rocket Docket](#), which described his 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. Since 2003, David has enjoyed litigating complex cases across multiple fields, including intellectual property, business, oil and gas, sports and entertainment, and consumer-related matters. More recently, he has advised clients and been a featured speaker on Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) issues.

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 2008, he has focused the vast majority of his time and efforts representing plaintiffs in high-stakes intellectual property litigation and complex commercial 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 also handles appeals and has argued successfully before the Texas Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

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 to present. "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 by Best Lawyers® and published in *The Best Lawyers in America*© for 2027 in the field of Commercial Litigation

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

Included on a list of "Top Attorneys" in 2013-2026, Fort Worth, Texas Magazine.

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Areas of Practice

Intellectual Property, including Patent, Trademark, Copyright, and Trade Secret litigation

Commercial Litigation, including Oil & Gas and Fiduciary litigation

Sports & Entertainment, including counseling clients on Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) issues

Associations & Memberships

State Bar of Texas

Tarrant County Bar Association

Eldon B. Mahon American Inn of Court

The Federalist Society

Trinity River Baptist Church

Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association & Foundation

Naval Academy Club





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 Western 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