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At a Glance

Flight v. Fight

As a privately-licensed pilot, David's passion for aviation has helped him evolve into a competitive nationwide patent litigation lawyer.

Patent Litigation Pro(fessor)

David teaches patent and IP-related litigation courses at his alma mater, Baylor Law School, sponsoring several student organizations, and serving as the co-director for the United States Patent & Trademark Office's IP Clinic Program at Baylor.

Growth Mindset In New Markets

As MWM continues to expand services coast-to-coast, David plays an integral role in helping the firm grow in new markets.

David, who once was described at a national legal symposium as the “Swiss Army Knife of IP Attorneys,” is a highly respected figure in the legal field renowned for his extensive and diverse expertise. He holds the distinction of being a registered patent attorney in the U.S. and Canada, a first-chair federal litigator, and the external general counsel for a group of privately held companies. With a client-focused approach built on a wealth of experience, David is an exceptional resource among attorneys, particularly in the realm of intellectual property.

Over the years, David has successfully litigated and prosecuted various patent cases across different technological domains, ranging from medical devices to computer hardware and software. His expertise also extends to handling trademark, copyright, trade secret, and breach of contract cases, among others. Bringing to each transactional matter a perspective of being prepared to assert or defend the work product in the courtroom, David adeptly oversees negotiation and implementation of clients' licensing programs, mergers and acquisitions, and other contract-based matters.

David's capabilities extend beyond litigation and transactional work – he is a certified mediator, utilizing his extensive experience to facilitate the resolution of complex commercial disputes, including those related to intellectual property. He also serves as an advisor to several governing boards and management teams for companies in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

David's strong presence in the legal field is partly reflected through his involvement in judicially-appointed rules and attorney admissions committees and panels. This has been particularly prevalent with respect to the Waco Division of the Western District of Texas, since the arrival of Judge Alan Albright in Waco. David is further still a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars across the country, showcasing his expertise.

In a rather unique capacity, David's proficiency as a pilot enables him to quickly reach clients or attend court hearings across the country on short notice. This special capability has been acknowledged in a Law360 article ("[Waco IP Atty Calls Pilot License His 'Secret Weapon'](#)"), highlighting how his aviation resources and skills set him apart in serving a nationwide client base.

Bearing a strong commitment to giving back, David has dedicated over three decades to various roles at Baylor University, including serving as a professor of patent and trademark law and litigation since 1994. Additionally, David periodically teaches in the Entrepreneurship Program of Baylor's Hankamer School of Business, and has served as the vice chair of the non-profit Military Child Education Coalition.

Focus Areas

Automotive Technology

Biotech

Consumer Products

Patent Litigation

Life Sciences

Manufacturing

Medical Devices

Technology Transactions

IP Audits & Legal Opinions

Trademark & Copyright Litigation

Speeches / Publications

- "[Waco IP Atty Calls Pilot License His 'Secret Weapon'](#)." Kass, Dani, Law360 (2022).
- Quoted in "Search for new patent hub begins after court ends Waco's hold on U.S. cases." Brittain, B., Reuters (2022).
- Quoted in "Judge's order aims to end patent case boom in Waco's federal court." Kyle, M., WacoTribe.Com (2022)
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- Henry, D. & Lisch, D. (2019). The Newest Patent 'Rocket-Docket': Waco, Texas. IPWatchdog.Com | Patents & Patent Law.
- Henry, D. G. (2021, January 20). Western District of Texas Gets an Upgrade: A Look at the New Waco Courtroom. IPWatchdog.Com | Patents & Patent Law.
- Henry, D. G. What Inventors Must Do (And Must Not Do) To Fully Protect Their Inventions. PilotAtLaw.Com.

- Henry, D. G. Trademarks and Service Marks: What Every Business Person Facing Competition Must Know. PilotAtLaw.Com.
- Preparing Your Device Portfolio for Litigation: Limiting Liability and Managing and Reducing Costs Medical Device Patents Conference-American Conference Institute, 2012
- The Impact of Recent Patent Law Cases and Developments Aspatore Press, 2012

Education

Baylor Law School, JD, 1985

Baylor University, BA, 1982
Biology

Associations & Memberships

- Waco Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Program
- Military Child Education Coalition, National Advisory Committee
- Federal Bar Association
- Dallas Bar Association
- Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association
- Registered U.S. Patent Attorney

Honors & Awards

- Best Lawyers in America
2020-2025
- Texas Super Lawyers, Thomson Reuters
2018

Bar Admissions

Texas, 1986

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Supreme Court, Texas

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

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

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island
U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho
Chancery Court of Delaware
Canadian Patent Office
Certified Mediator