

Emerson in Bloomberg Law: Judge Albright's Exit to Reverberate Among Texas Patent Cases

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Haynes Boone Intellectual Property Partner [Russ Emerson](#) spoke with *Bloomberg Law* about the lasting influence of U.S. District Judge Alan Albright on patent litigation in Texas following the judge's announcement that he plans to step down from the federal bench later this year.

The article examines how Albright's tenure reshaped patent venue strategy nationwide by drawing an outsized share of patent filings to the Western District of Texas and implementing trial-focused procedures that appealed to litigators seeking predictability and efficiency.

Emerson noted that Judge Albright's approach to structuring his docket and orders is appealing to litigators.

"There's a lot of case law out there now that's Judge Albright case law and it's affected patent litigation in Texas," Emerson said. "He's been a big deal."

The piece also explains that Albright's departure is expected to influence where plaintiffs choose to file patent cases going forward, with some filings likely shifting to other districts as litigants reassess venue strategy.

Read the full article on *Bloomberg Law* [here](#).