

17 Haynes Boone Partners Ranked Among World's Top Patent Lawyers by IAM Patent 1000

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Haynes Boone's patent practice has again ranked among the nation's best. The 2024 edition of the *Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) Patent 1000* legal directory ranked 17 firm partners from California, Colorado, Illinois, Texas and Washington, D.C.

Haynes Boone received special recognition in California, Illinois, and Texas. "Dynamic and client focused in its approach, the thriving Haynes Boone has demonstrated remarkable growth, successfully filing more than 20,000 patent applications in the past five years and significantly expanding its footprint in the global IP landscape," *IAM* researchers said.

The following partners were ranked among the top lawyers in patent prosecution, litigation and transactions: Randall Brown, [Tom Chen](#), [Randall Colson](#), [Russ Emerson](#), Eugene Goryunov, [Alan Herda](#), [Lee Johnston](#), [Charlene Liu](#), [David McCombs](#), [Greg Michelson](#), [Jeffrey Morton](#), [David O'Brien](#), [David O'Dell](#), [Ken Parker](#), Vincent Shier, [Mark Tidwell](#) and [Jeffrey Wolfson](#).

The *IAM Patent 1000* shines a spotlight on firms and individuals deemed outstanding in the patent practice. *IAM* interviewed more than 1,800 patent lawyers and in-house counsel over a five-month period to determine which firms and lawyers to include in the directory.

Below is a breakdown of rankings for the firm and partners, along with comments from researchers.

National:

The firm ranked nationally in both Prosecution and Post-Grant Proceedings. Additionally, David McCombs was ranked nationally in Post-Grant Proceedings.

Texas:

In Texas, Haynes Boone ranked among the Top 17 firms in Litigation; as "Highly Recommended" in prosecution – one of only four firms in the state to receive this ranking; and as one of eight "Recommended" firms for transactions work. Individual rankings include:

- David McCombs and Russ Emerson (Litigation)
- Randall Brown, Alan Herda, David McCombs, David O'Brien, David O'Dell and Mark Tidwell (Prosecution)
- Randall Colson, David McCombs, David O'Dell and Mark Tidwell (Transactions)

Here is an excerpt of what researchers had to say about the lawyers:

- "Chair of the patent trials and licensing practice group **David O'Dell** has more than 25 years in the game, establishing himself as a prolific attorney with a track record of 100 inter partes

review petitions. His stellar reputation at the PTAB precedes him, making him a trusted name in the field.”

- “**Tidwell**’s strategic guidance and licensing expertise in technology transactions have solidified his standing.”
- “**Colson**, as head of the technology transactions group, navigates complex deals with finesse, leveraging his background as a hardware and software designer. Notably, his pivotal role in representing TSMC, the world’s largest semiconductor foundry, underscores his prowess in overseeing patent prosecution and licensing.”
- “**David McCombs** [is] renowned for his versatile and well-rounded practice. Serving as a trusted partner to multinational technology giant IBM, he has secured favourable outcomes for it in district court proceedings.”
- “**O’Brien** leads the charge in the patent office trials practice group, wielding his expertise in inter partes reviews before the PTAB to benefit cutting-edge technology clients.”
- “**Brown**, known for his blend of creativity and meticulous attention to detail, shepherds patrons’ ideas through the patent application process, ensuring robust protection for their innovations.”
- “**Herda** seamlessly combines technical know-how with profound patent knowledge, crafting strong portfolios for those in the technology sector.”
- “**Emerson**’s strategic flair and finesse, often as lead counsel, in high-stakes litigations nationwide further complements the outfit’s comprehensive services.”

California:

The firm is Recommended in Prosecution in California, with *IAM* applauding the skills of Tom Chen, Greg Michelson, Jeffrey Morton, Charlene Liu and Ken Parker.

Researchers stated:

- “An esteemed member of the firm’s executive committee, **Tom Chen** comes armed with profound technical acumen and strategic insights concerning clients’ distinct patent-related challenges. He has been the leading figure in dealing with some of the firm’s biggest names, such as PayPal, Peloton and Boxabl.”
- “Orange County’s Administrative Partner **Greg Michelson** is renowned for providing watertight IP strategy and patent counsel on high-value patent portfolios.”
- “PhD immunologist **Morton** offers insight into complex medical patents.”
- “Impressive [first-time awardee] **Charlene Liu** graces the ensemble with her advanced technical and legal knowledge. She combines this with her background in electrical engineering to provide quality counsel and portfolio management relating to emerging technology and innovation.”
- “Heading the firm’s ITC Section 337 litigation group, **Kenneth Parker** shines as a leading litigator, adeptly steering patent and trademark infringement cases of various Fortune 500 companies toward success. Parker is also actively engaged in international IP enforcement across Europe and Asia.”

Illinois:

The firm is ranked in Litigation in Illinois, and Eugene Goryunov is individually ranked.

Researchers stated:

- “A standout figure is *inter partes* review team lead and seasoned trial lawyer **Eugene Goryunov**. From consumer goods to cutting-edge technologies, he skillfully navigates post-grant review trials with finesse, serving as first-chair trial counsel at the USPTO and federal courts nationwide.”

Colorado:

Lee Johnston was ranked individually among the top 17 lawyers in Litigation.

D.C. Metro Area:

Jeffrey Wolfson and Vince Shier were recommended and ranked individually in Patent Prosecution.