

6 Haynes Boone Partners Recognized as 2022 Patent Stars

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Managing Intellectual Property recognized six Haynes Boone partners as 2022 Patent Stars: [Randall Brown](#), [Andrew Ehmke](#), [Joseph Matal](#), [David McCombs](#), [Laura Beth Miller](#), and [Ken Parker](#). Ken is also listed as a 2022 Trademark Star.

The publication ranks lawyers and firms based on research and market and client feedback about a range of criteria, including practitioners' depth of experience and track records of wins and losses.

Managing IP defines an IP Star as "an experienced senior IP practitioner in private practice, typically a partner, who has been recommended by peers and/or clients or someone that is integral to the success of their firm."

Read more about Haynes Boone's 2022 Patent Stars below:

Randall Brown brings more than 30 years of experience to his clients' IP law matters. With creativity and attention to detail, Randy creates capital assets for his clients by guiding their ideas through the patent application process. He led the firm's IP Practice Group for 15 years, most recently as firmwide chair of the department from 2014 to 2019. Randy has been widely and repeatedly recognized for his work, including inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* for patent law, 2017-2022 (Woodward/White, Inc.); *D Magazine's* "Best Lawyers in Dallas," 2018-2020 (D Magazine Partners); and *Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) Patent 1000* in 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018-2021 (Law Business Research).

Andrew Ehmke is primary counsel for many high-profile technology companies in inter partes review (IPR) proceedings before the U.S. Patent Trial and Appeal Board (USPTO). His practice spans nearly 20 years, during which he has guided clients through licensing and technology development, IP litigation, Federal Circuit appellate arguments, and patent portfolio development. Andy is also the firm's Chief Information Partner overseeing the firm's technology and cybersecurity strategies and a member of the firm's Board of Directors. Andy has a degree in computer science and has previously worked as an information systems consultant and as a software developer for hand-held computing devices. His technical areas of experience include software, networking, cloud-based computing and services, mobile devices and computing hardware.

Joseph Matal is a partner in the IP Practice Group in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. Joe has served as both the USPTO's Acting Director and Acting Solicitor. As Acting Solicitor, he defended the agency in IP cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court. In his role in the Solicitor's Office, he participated in briefing almost every major case involving Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) trials that has come before the Federal Circuit, including cases that have defined the Board's powers and the evidence that it may consider, the content of final decisions, and the burdens and scope of motions to amend. Recent cases include *Uniloc v. Hulu*, *Thryv v. Click-to-Call*, and *Aqua Products v. Matal*.

David McCombs is primary counsel for many leading corporations in IPR and is regularly identified as one of the most active attorneys appearing before the PTAB. His clients benefit from his 35 years of practice, which include appellate argument, patent litigation, and portfolio development. Nationally ranked, David is recognized for having a "strong Federal Circuit patent litigation practice and prominent PTAB expertise" (*Chambers Global*, 2019, Chambers and Partners). *Chambers Global* 2020, Chambers and Partners, describes him as "one of the best, not just of patent practitioners but practitioners generally" and "extremely organized, responsive, thoughtful and calm."

Laura Beth Miller is the administrative partner of the Chicago office. Whether representing technology companies in a patent infringement proceeding before the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), counseling clients on protection of their IP as they expand their Internet or global presence or helping high school students develop the analytical skills and self-confidence to succeed in college, Laura brings personal commitment and drive to her work. Laura has more than 30 years of litigation and counseling experience and takes a hands-on approach while staying focused on the client's ultimate goals and strategies. She is recognized as a leading patent practitioner by *Intellectual Asset Management* magazine's "IAM Patent 1000," Globe Business Media Group from 2014-2020, which says that Laura "relishes getting to grips with vanguard technologies and creating stories around them for the courtroom."

Ken Parker is a partner in the Orange County and San Francisco offices and is a member of the firm's Litigation Department and Intellectual Property Practice Group. Ken is a first-chair trial lawyer who focuses on patent, trademark, copyright, trade secrets, and business litigation. He has tried multiple types of cases to verdict in federal court, state court, and other venues, including patent, trademark, and business cases and International Trade Commission Section 337 patent litigation proceedings. Ken's work spans across industries, including life sciences (for example, research tools, analytical instrumentation/software, medical devices, diagnostics, biomanufacturing systems, etc.), software (encryption, predictive algorithms, AI); electronics and semiconductors, and consumer products. He handles cases in courts throughout the country.

The Patents Practice Group at Haynes Boone provides clients with a full range of services to protect and profit from their IP. The group's lawyers routinely handle patent prosecution – they've filed more than 19,000 applications in the U.S. and abroad in the past five years – and they offer

sophisticated counseling and portfolio management, as well as representation in post-grant proceedings at the USPTO, litigation in federal courts and cases before the ITC.

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