16 Haynes Boone Lawyers Ranked Among World's Top Patent Lawyers

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Haynes Boone and 16 of its partners from California, Colorado, Illinois, Texas and Washington, D.C., were recognized in the 2023 edition of the *Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) Patent 1000* legal directory.

The publication listed Haynes Boone among the top firms in the nation in various practice categories and among the leading firms in California, Illinois, and Texas.

"With skilled litigators, high-level prosecutors and top dealmakers on board, Haynes Boone covers every base for its diverse set of patrons. The close-knit team seamlessly combine their skills and expertise to deliver a bespoke service that helps customers to achieve their ultimate business objectives," *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, Ralph Gabric, Eugene Goryunov, Alan Herda, Lee Johnston, David McCombs, Greg Michelson, David O'Brien, David O'Dell, Ken Parker, Vincent Shier, Mark Tidwell and Jeff 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.

Texas:

In Texas, Haynes Boone ranked among the top 15 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 Texas-ranked lawyers.

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- “Alan Herda captains the IP department and is accessible and hands on. He crosses technical disciplines with dexterity and benefits clients immensely through his deep knowledge in developing and assessing patent portfolios.”
- “Randall Brown has a gift for strategic thinking and has implemented protection strategies that strengthen the position of start-ups and multinational corporations.”
- “David O'Brien is well-versed before the PTAB and makes all the right tactical maneuvers to come out on top in IP rights and covered business-method proceedings.”
- “David O'Dell and Mark Tidwell are other names to note for high-level prosecution work and bolster the practice with their licensing expertise.”
- “Fantastic transactions attorney Randall Colson heads up the technology transactions group and has been busy advising Orthofix – a leading medical device company – on its merger with SeaSpine.”
- “David McCombs is an exceptionally versatile practitioner who engages in complex litigation, licensing and portfolio development work. He is a trusted partner to social media giant … for whom he regularly handles IP disputes.”
- “’Great patent litigator Russell Emerson’ is much admired for his courtroom advocacy. He presents with authority and the backing of strong technical expertise. He has been busy enforcing Conformis’s extensive patent portfolio against several infringers across the country.”

California:

The firm is “Recommended” for prosecution in California, with Tom Chen, Greg Michelson, and Ken Parker ranked individually.

Researchers stated: “Haynes Boone is well equipped from a patent perspective and instils confidence in its clients through the strong quality of its advice, service and support. The attorneys are effective at drafting and prosecuting patent applications, and their overall work product is high quality and delivered on time.”

IAM applauded Tom Chen, saying he “earns effusive praise for being ‘thoughtful, reliable and responsive, and providing strategic advice that takes account of the changing needs of the business. Tom is admired for his professionalism, ability to work to a tight deadline, and willingness to help in any situation. He manages his team effectively and takes feedback into consideration.”

Greg Michelson “adroitly manages large portfolios and knows how to prosecute applications to successful grant, with minimum fuss. His background in electrical and technical engineering informs his advice and ensures each aspect of the technology is duly protected.”

Lastly, *IAM* called out Ken Parker, who “recently represented Panasonic Holdings in its patent infringement suit against Getac Technology, in which the jury found that Getac infringed three of the four asserted patents and awarded $17.5 million in damages.”

Illinois:

The firm is ranked in litigation in Illinois, and Eugene Goryunov and Ralph Gabric are individually ranked.

Researchers stated: “Although primarily known for its patent offering in Texas, Haynes Boone is building an impressive reputation in Illinois, thanks to its robust litigation team. It is one of the most active firms in administrative proceedings before the PTAB, much of which is down to Eugene Goryunov. He is an expert in IPRs and post-grant reviews and is comfortable handling matters

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relating to complex fields, from consumer goods to high technology. Also recommended is Ralph Gabric. He is a business-focused lawyer with more than 30 years of litigation experience. Gabric has taken many cases all the way through to trial in district courts throughout the United States."

Colorado:

Lee Johnston was ranked individually in litigation.

D.C. Metro Area:

Jeff Wolfson and Vince Shier were recommended in prosecution.

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