

Haynes Boone Recognized in CAFC Intelligence Report

November 1, 2021 Andrew Ehmke, Theodore Foster, Debbie McComas, Russ Emerson, David McCombs, J. Andrew Lowes, Alan Herda

PRACTICES Intellectual Property, Patent Litigation, Patent Office Trials

Haynes Boone and seven of its lawyers are recognized in Patexia's 2021 ranking of the nation's top firms and lawyers appearing before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC), which specializes in hearing patent appeals.

Patexia's CAFC Intelligence Report ranks Haynes Boone as the **7th most active firm representing patent appellees in 2021** and one of the **Top 25 best performing firms overall**.

Seven Haynes Boone lawyers (Joseph Matal, [Andrew Ehmke](#), [Theo Foster](#), [Debbie McComas](#), [Russ Emerson](#), [David McCombs](#), and [J. Andrew Lowes](#)) were ranked among the nation's Top 100 CAFC lawyers in various "most active" and "best performing" categories.

For its ranking, Patexia reviewed 4,862 patent-related CAFC appeals originating from district courts (including ANDA-related cases), the International Trade Commission, and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. The review covered a five-year period from Jan. 1, 2016, through Dec. 31, 2020. In ranking the best-performing firms and lawyers, Patexia took into account their level of activity and success rates, which were calculated by reviewing the opinion and order for all the terminated cases during the period and allocating points to the respective parties based on the outcomes.

"We are honored to be featured prominently in Patexia's CAFC Intelligence Report, demonstrating the depth and strength of our IP Practice," said Partner [Alan Herda](#), chair of Haynes Boone's Intellectual Property Department.

Here is the breakdown of the rankings:

Haynes Boone was ranked among the nation's best in the following categories:

- 25th among the Top 100 best performing firms overall, with a score of 72.19%.
- 7th among the Top 100 most active firms representing appellees, with 73 cases.
- 10th among Top 100 most active firms overall, including the representation of appellants and appellees.

Top 100 most active attorneys representing appellees

- Matal ranked 2nd, with 62 cases.
- McComas ranked 8th, with 35 cases.
- McCombs ranked 16th, with 30 cases.
- Ehmke ranked 51st, with 15 cases.
- Foster ranked 65th, with 14 cases.

Top 100 Most Active Attorneys overall

- Matal ranked 2nd.

- McComas ranked 11th.
- McCombs ranked 16th.
- Ehmke ranked 63rd.
- Foster ranked 81st.

Top 100 best performing attorneys representing appellees

- Lowes ranked 26th, with a score of 51.10%.
- Emerson ranked 53rd, with a score of 40.26%.

Top 100 best performing attorneys overall

- Lowes ranked 25th.
- Emerson ranked 45th.
- Matal ranked 97th, with a score of 22.95%.

Haynes Boone's IP Practice is a full-service practice including patent procurement, litigation and trial proceedings before the PTAB, where we are nationally recognized for our successes in both defending our client's patent intellectual property and invalidating claims that are asserted against our clients but never should have been issued by the USPTO. These PTAB trial proceedings include IPR, covered business method (CBM) review, post-grant review (PGR), and other proceedings before the PTAB.

Haynes Boone is an international corporate law firm with offices in Texas, New York, California, Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Washington, D.C., London, Mexico City and Shanghai, providing a full spectrum of legal services in energy, technology, financial services and private equity. With 600 lawyers, Haynes Boone is ranked among the largest U.S.-based firms by *The National Law Journal*, *The American Lawyer* and *The Lawyer*. It was recognized for excellence in the BTI Consulting Group's 2021 "A-Team" report, which identifies the law firms that in-house counsel commend for providing superior client service.