

## David L. McCombs Named to Texas Lawyer's 2020 List of Texas Trailblazers

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*Texas Lawyer* has named Haynes Boone Partner [David L. McCombs](#) one of its 2020 Texas Trailblazers.

Published in the October/November issue of *Texas Lawyer*, the Trailblazers listing recognizes professionals in Texas who have moved the needle in the legal industry. Honorees were selected for their efforts in making significant marks on the practice, policy and technological advancements in their sector.

Texas Lawyer highlighted McCombs's patent practice and his role in becoming an "early proponent of using Patent Office review procedures as either a parallel track to the district courts or as a replacement venue." He is also mentioned as being one of the most active lawyers appearing before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

McCombs says: "I enjoy untangling big knots and simplifying complicated technology so that the decisionmaker can understand it, whether it's in the federal courts, at the PTAB or in licensing discussions."

The profile also discusses McCombs's belief that diversity in technological skills and backgrounds are key in building the next generation of lawyers. He says young lawyers benefit from appearing "before administrative patent judges who welcome them and value their technological fluency."

To read the full profile, click [here](#).

McCombs is primary counsel for many leading corporations in *inter partes* review (IPR) and is regularly identified as one of the most active attorneys appearing before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). His practice spans 35 years and includes appellate argument, patent litigation, and portfolio development.

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 more than 575 lawyers, Haynes Boone is ranked among the largest U.S.-based firms by *The National Law Journal*, *The American Lawyer* and *The Lawyer*. The firm has also been recognized across the board for excellence in the BTI Consulting Group's 2020 "A-Team" report, which identifies the law firms that in-house counsel commend for providing superior client service.