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PRACTICES Intellectual Property, Patents, Patent Prosecution and Counseling, Patent Office Trials, Medical Device and Technology, Mechanical, Bitcoin Mining Companies, FinTech Virtual Currency and Blockchain, AI and Deep Learning

Austin is registered to represent clients before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Clients rely on his knowledge and thoughtfulness to navigate the intellectual property landscape, whether they are obtaining IP or avoiding the IP of others. Austin has assisted large corporations, mid-sized entities, and startups.

His practice is particularly geared towards:

- Conducting clearance and freedom-to-operate assessments
- Preparing and prosecuting domestic and foreign patent applications
- Drafting formal opinions regarding non-infringement and invalidity
- Patent office trial proceedings, including *inter partes* reviews
- Strategic IP counseling

Working for a diverse group of clients, Austin has experience in a wide range of technologies, including:

- *Medical devices* – robotic surgical systems, orthopedic implants, and imaging systems.
 - *Mechanical and electro-mechanical systems* – construction and mining machinery, door systems, radio-frequency identification systems, engines, and drilling rigs.
 - *Biotechnology* – biosensors and diagnostic test platforms.
 - *Data centers* – liquid cooling systems, cooling infrastructure, power distribution, and energy storage.
 - *Retail products* – heating and cooking apparatuses.
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QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law, 2021, cum laude; Managing Editor, *IDEA: The Law Review of the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property*
- LL.M., Intellectual Property, UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law, 2021
- B.S., Mechanical Engineering; Minor, Electrical Engineering, University of St. Thomas, 2018

ADMISSIONS

- Texas
 - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “The Terminator: USPTO Ends AFCP 2.0 Program,” co-author, *Haynes Boone IP Alert* (September 2024).
 - “Practical Pointers After Fed. Cir. Double-Patenting Decision,” co-author, *Law360* (April 2024).
 - “Can A DAO Be Sued? SDNY Case May Hold The Answer,” co-author, *Law360* (March 2024).
 - “Winning the Digital Asset Frontier,” speaker, North American Blockchain Summit (November 2023).
 - “Terminal Disclaimers and Common Ownership,” co-author, *The Patent Lawyer* (February 2023).
 - “AI & Wine Industry,” speaker, *AI Chats Episode 21* (August 2022).
 - “Expert Editorial: Protecting Your Artificial Intelligence Innovations,” co-author, *Wine Industry Advisor* (June 2022).
 - “A Multi-Actuator Approach to High Bandwidth In Vitro Cardiac Kinematic Simulation,” co-author, *IEEE International - Conference on Biomedical Robotics and BioMechatronics*, Netherlands (August 2018).
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- Texas Blockchain Council, member (2023 – present)
- Dallas Bar Association, IP Section (2023 – present)
- Tech Titans, member (2023 – present)
- Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO), member (2022 – present)