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OVERVIEW

Matthew Blair is an associate in the firm's Austin office and a member of the Intellectual Property Litigation practice group.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Matthew focused on patent litigation at an international firm. Through this role, he represented both plaintiffs and defendants across a range of patent matters, including traditional patent infringement suits, declaratory judgment actions, Hatch-Waxman generics cases, and breach of license cases. He has also worked with clients in a variety of technical fields, including pharmaceuticals, Class III medical devices, audio/visual codec standards, artificial intelligence, and electronic trading tools.

Matthew has firsthand trial experience and understands the importance of organization, creativity, and teamwork. He adds value to the litigation team with his attention to detail, analysis of relevant case law, and ability to communicate with clients, experts, and fellow attorneys.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Honorable Lee Yeakel Intellectual Property American Inn of Court
- Member of the Austin Intellectual Property Law Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, "I prefer the term Artificial Person'—an exploration of the legal rights of artificial intelligence programs," a series of CLE presentations discussing "The Law of the Future," March 2022

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EDUCATION

- J.D., Duke University School of Law, 2018
- B.A., Baylor University, 2015 (Physics)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Texas
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

AREAS OF FOCUS

IP Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Life Sciences
- Technology

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented a small medical device company against patent infringement claims brought by a multinational pharmaceutical company; managed discovery, researched and briefed various motions, and worked with experts to prepare claim construction briefing and declarations; also represented the same medical device company in breach-of-contract litigation against a former licensee.
- Represented a large pharmaceutical company in various patent litigations and licensing negotiations against potential infringers; worked on cases involving preliminary injunction motions, expedited discovery, and venue disputes; worked with experts to prepare briefing and declarations in support of preliminary injunction, drafted discovery papers, and advised on proposed license agreements; also represented the same pharmaceutical company in litigation to enforce an earlier patent license agreement.
- Represented a technology R&D company in licensing and assertion of patents relating to AVC and HEVC video standards.
- Represented a large brokerage firm in a multi-week jury trial involving claims of patent infringement brought by an independent software vendor; supported the trial team by briefing discovery and evidentiary motions and by preparing trial witnesses.