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Introduction.

U.S. District Court patent litigation continues to be one of the most consequential and data-rich arenas in intellectual property enforcement. Between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025, 18,352 patent cases were filed across federal courts, involving tens of thousands of companies, law firms, attorneys, and patents. These disputes influence competitive outcomes, licensing strategies, and often define the boundaries of entire technology markets. Notably, filings increased in 2025, reflecting shifts in litigation dynamics that our analysis captures in detail.

This report provides a comprehensive, data-driven examination of the patent litigation activity. We analyze how litigation volume evolved over a five-year period, where cases were filed, which technologies were most frequently contested, and how outcomes varied across courts, judges, companies, law firms, and attorneys. Our analysis is grounded in publicly available court records, enhanced through document-level review, natural language processing, and proprietary scoring methodologies designed to evaluate activity, success, and performance in a consistent and transparent manner.

A central feature of this report is the evaluation and ranking of stakeholders across the

patent litigation ecosystem. Companies, law firms, and individual attorneys are assessed separately for their overall involvement, as well as their roles on the plaintiff and defendant sides. By combining activity with success and performance metrics, the report provides a clear picture of who drives the most cases, which participants achieve the highest outcomes, and how influence is distributed across the ecosystem. This multi-dimensional ranking approach allows readers to identify both highly active participants and consistently successful litigators, offering practical insights for strategic decision-making.

Beyond these rankings, this study highlights the concentration of patent litigation within a small number of jurisdictions and courtrooms, the repeated assertion of certain patents and patent families, and the strategic role played by experienced firms and litigators. It also examines how procedural practices, venue selection, and judicial assignment patterns influence where cases are filed and how they progress. By pairing filing activity with outcome-based performance metrics, the report offers a practical lens into who is most active, who performs best, and how the patent litigation ecosystem functions in practice.

Scope and Methodology

This report focuses on patent litigation filed in U.S. District Courts between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025. Our analysis covers all publicly available cases within this period, capturing activity from 1,304 judges, 14,197 attorneys, 3,047 law firms, 47,639 compa-

nies, and 17,811 unique patents across 523 International Patent Classification (IPC) codes.

Key metrics, including activity, success, and performance scores, were calculated

for companies, law firms, and individual attorneys. These scores account for the role of stakeholders as plaintiffs, defendants, and overall participants, providing a multi-dimensional view of engagement and effectiveness within the patent litigation ecosystem. To address gaps in reported case statuses, our methodology incorporates automated status detection and manual verification of judgment outcomes. This allows us to reliably capture case terminations, includ-

ing dismissals, settlements, judgments, and other resolutions.

For readers seeking a comprehensive understanding of our approach, the complete methodology is detailed in Section 7 of this report or can be accessed through our [online Methodology Guide](#), providing step-by-step explanations of scoring, case classification, and analytical techniques.

Who Can Use This Report and How?

This report is designed to serve a wide range of stakeholders involved in or affected by U.S. patent litigation. It provides actionable insights for anyone looking to understand trends, evaluate performance, or make strategic decisions in the intellectual property space.

- **In-house legal teams and corporate counsel** can use the data to benchmark their litigation strategies, identify the most active courts and judges, and leverage the rankings to evaluate law firms and attorneys in handling patent disputes. The report also helps guide decisions around venue selection, risk assessment, and resource allocation for current or potential litigation.
- **Law firms and attorneys** can leverage the analysis to understand market dynamics and evaluate where their services are most in demand. The rankings of activity, success, and performance across plaintiffs,

defendants, and overall roles provide a comparative view of how individual practitioners and firms benchmark against their peers. Furthermore, the report's coverage of lateral moves provides valuable insight into attorney transitions, helping firms identify opportunities to recruit experienced talent or expand practice areas.

- **Investors, analysts, and industry observers** can benefit from the report's insights into litigation trends, technology hotspots, and recurring patents, helping to analyze the competitive landscape and potential exposure to patent risk across industries.

By combining filing activity, patent data, and performance metrics, this report provides a practical, evidence-based tool for decision-making, benchmarking, and strategic planning in the rapidly evolving world of patent litigation.

Report Contents

The report combines high-level analysis with data-driven insights into the parties, law firms, attorneys, local counsel, and judges involved in patent disputes. The study is presented in two complementary parts:

- 1 **This PDF document**, which offers a narrative overview of trends, key statistics, and insights across all participants in patent litigation. It highlights patterns in filing activity, technological focus, venue selec-

tion, and litigation outcomes, while providing top 100 rankings of the most active and best-performing plaintiffs, defendants, law firms, attorneys, and judges.

- 2 **An accompanying Excel dataset**, which contains full rankings and detailed metrics for the top 1,000 most active attorneys, companies, and law firms, as well as judges and local counsel. This dataset allows users to explore performance and activity scores in detail, supporting benchmarking, strategic planning, and more targeted analyses.

The report is organized into the following key sections:

- 1 **Patent Litigation Overview:** This section provides a comprehensive analysis of District Court Patent Litigation, offering high-level statistics on all parties, judges, and cases filed from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025.
- 2 **Plaintiffs and Defendants Analysis:** Our study identifies the most active and best-performing plaintiffs and defendants in patent litigation.
- 3 **Law Firm Performance:** This section evaluates the performance and activity of law firms, ranking the top firms representing plaintiffs and defendants and comparing their results.
- 4 **Evaluation of Litigation Attorneys:** The performance and activity of patent litigators representing both plaintiffs and defendants are compared and ranked.
- 5 **Local Counsel Evaluation:** This section identifies the most active local counsel representing plaintiffs and defendants, comparing and ranking their results.
- 6 **Judicial Performance:** The performance of judges assigned to all patent cases during the study period is analyzed based on the outcome of their judgments.
- 7 **Ranking Methodology:** This section explains our performance model and details how we calculated the activity, success, and performance scores and rankings for plaintiffs, defendants, their representatives, and judges.

What's Coming Next?

This sixth annual edition of our comprehensive patent litigation report kicks off a series of seven Patexia Intelligence Reports scheduled for release in 2026. Now entering the tenth year of publication, these reports have become increasingly popular among corporations, law firms, and IP professionals. A simple search for “[Patexia rankings](#)” highlights thousands of mentions across law firm websites, demonstrating how widely our data-driven insights and rankings are used for marketing, business development, and strategic planning across a variety of Intellectual Property fields.

In addition to this report, Patexia plans to release the following Intelligence Reports in 2026:

- [ITC Section 337](#) (scheduled for release on Feb 26, 2026)
- [Patent Prosecution](#) (scheduled for release on March 26, 2026)
- [Trademark Prosecution](#) (scheduled for release on April 30, 2026)
- [ANDA Litigation](#) (scheduled for release on August 27, 2026)
- [PTAB Intelligence](#) (scheduled for release on September 10, 2026)

- [CAFC \(Court of Appeal for the Federal Circuit\)](#) (scheduled for release on October 29, 2026)

Patexia is continually improving our capabilities, refining our processes, and enhancing our data extraction methods to ensure the highest level of accuracy, consistency, and insight in our patent litigation analyses.

Furthermore, we are excited to announce the upcoming launch of a monthly subscription service, designed to provide prompt-based access to real-time analytics, rankings, and IP insights. This new service will allow subscribers to interact with our datasets, run queries, and receive actionable intelligence on demand, complementing our annual reports and providing ongoing support for strategic decision-making in patent litigation and intellectual property management.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pedram Sameni". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Pedram Sameni
Founder and CEO

Disclaimer: The data for this report was obtained from public sources including PACER, USPTO, and PTAB, as well as self-reported by attorneys on the Patexia website. Patexia has gone to great lengths to provide valid and accurate analysis based on this data. However, Patexia does not guarantee 100 percent accuracy nor take any responsibility for possible losses caused by the use of any information provided in this report.

Executive Summary.

This report provides a comprehensive overview of U.S. District Court patent litigation over the five-year period from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2025. During this timeframe, 18,352 cases were filed, involving a broad spectrum of stakeholders: 1,304 district court judges, 47,639 companies, 14,197 attorneys, including local counsel, and 3,047 law firms. The analysis evaluates activity levels and rankings across the full dataset, while success and performance scores focus specifically on the 15,684 cases that had reached a conclusion as of December 1, 2025.

Patent litigation activity varied notably throughout the study period. Monthly filings averaged 323.5 cases in 2020 and increased to 329.4 cases per month in 2021. Activity then declined, falling to 306.3 cases per month in 2022 and reaching a low of 248.8 cases per month in 2023. This downturn was followed by a recovery, with filings rising to an average of 297.5 cases per month in 2024 and accelerating further to 371.2 cases per month in 2025.

Across the study period, 17,811 unique patents were asserted, spanning 523 IPC classifications. Litigation activity was heavily concentrated in a narrow set of technical areas, led by G06F (“electric digital data processing”), which appeared in 29.39% of all cases. Notably, the ten most frequently cited IPC codes were all tied to electronics, communications, and semiconductor technologies, underscoring the continued centrality of these sectors in patent disputes.

From a venue perspective, filings remained highly concentrated. The Eastern District of Texas (TXEDCE) handled the largest share with 3,485 cases, followed closely by the

Western District of Texas (TXWDCE) with 3,480 cases, and the District of Delaware (DEDCE) with 2,258 cases. At the state level, Texas accounted for 41.85% of all patent cases, far outpacing California (13.12%) and Delaware (12.30%). Combined, these three jurisdictions were home to 67.27% of all filings, totaling 12,346 cases during the study period.

Samsung Electronics ranked as the most active company across all patent litigation during the study period, posting an activity score of 99.91%. The company appeared in 321 cases involving 1,147 unique patents and was particularly dominant on the defense side, where it participated in 291 cases covering 1,065 patents and achieved a defendant activity score of 100%. On the plaintiff side, Cedar Lane Technologies Inc. recorded the highest level of activity, filing 361 cases tied to 84 unique patents and earning an activity score of 96.91%. When measured by performance, Canon Inc. led among plaintiffs and overall, with performance scores of 93.08% and 93.15%, respectively. Samsung Electronics distinguished itself on the defense side, ranking as the top-performing defendant with a performance score of 96.46%.

Fish & Richardson emerged as the most active law firm in U.S. patent litigation during the study period, recording an activity score of 98.83%. The firm was involved in 1,146 cases spanning 2,051 unique patents and showed particularly strong activity on the defense side, where it appeared in 1,041 matters involving 1,697 patents. Plaintiff-side activity was led by Rabicoff Law, which filed 1,553 cases tied to 310 unique patents, earning an activity score of 98.70% and standing out as the most active firm represent-

ing plaintiffs. Venable achieved the highest overall performance score at 94.92% and also led among plaintiff-side firms with a score of 94.47%. On the defense side, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan delivered the highest performance, posting a score of 97.59%.

At the attorney level, Isaac P. Rabicoff of Rabicoff Law ranked as the most active patent litigator overall, posting an activity score of 98.14%. His activity was particularly pronounced on the plaintiff side, where he appeared in 1,554 cases involving 310 patents and achieved the highest plaintiff activity score at 99.61%. Defense-side activity was led by Neil J. McNabney of Fish & Richardson, who earned a activity score of 100.00% based on his participation in 578 cases covering 556 unique patents. Performance rankings highlighted a different group of leaders. John M. Guaragna of DLA Piper emerged as the strongest performer overall and among defendant-side attorneys, recording performance scores of 93.86%

and 97.01%, respectively. For plaintiffs, Steve Moore of Ni Wang & Massand achieved the highest performance score, finishing the period at 91.85%. This report also examines changes in attorney affiliations to capture shifts within the patent litigation field. We reviewed lateral movements occurring since the release of the prior report in Q1 2025, focusing on the 1,000 most active patent litigators. The analysis identifies 70 attorneys who moved to a different firm or launched their own practices during this period.

Across the 18,352 patent cases filed between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025, 1,304 district court judges presided over at least one matter. Judicial workloads varied substantially, with the most active judge overseeing 2,587 cases, compared to an average of roughly 16 cases per judge. Judge Scores, reflecting the likelihood that an adjudicated decision favored the plaintiff, ranged from 0 to 1, with an overall average of 0.56. This indicates that, in adjudicated patent cases, plaintiffs prevailed slightly more than half of the time.

Section 01

**Patent
Litigation
Overview.**

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Patent Litigation Overview.

The Patexia 2026 Patent Litigation Intelligence Report examines U.S. patent litigation activity over the past five years, from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025. During this period, courts recorded 18,352 cases involving 17,811 unique patents. This activity underscores the ongoing role of patents as a critical strategic tool for businesses across sectors. The figures highlight both the substantial number of disputes and the broad spectrum of technologies at the center of litigation. The analysis that follows examines filing patterns over the five-year period, shedding light on emerging trends, sector-specific activity, and the dynamics that have influenced the U.S. patent litigation environment.

Over the five-year period reviewed, patent litigation filings reached their highest point

in 2021, with 3,953 cases initiated. Activity declined in 2022, falling 7.01% to 3,676 filings, indicating a pullback from the prior year’s peak. The downward trend continued in 2023, when filings dropped to 2,985 cases, an 18.80% decrease from 2022. This decline reversed in 2024. A total of 3,570 cases were filed during the year, representing a 19.60% increase compared to 2023. The rebound was already visible in the first half of 2025, which recorded 2,227 filings. When compared with the first half of 2024, which saw 1,728 cases, this reflects a 28.88% increase. By late December 2025, total filings had reached 4,426 cases, offering a clearer view of full-year activity. Taken together, these figures indicate that the contraction observed in 2023 was temporary, with patent litigation activity regaining momentum rather than continuing to soften.

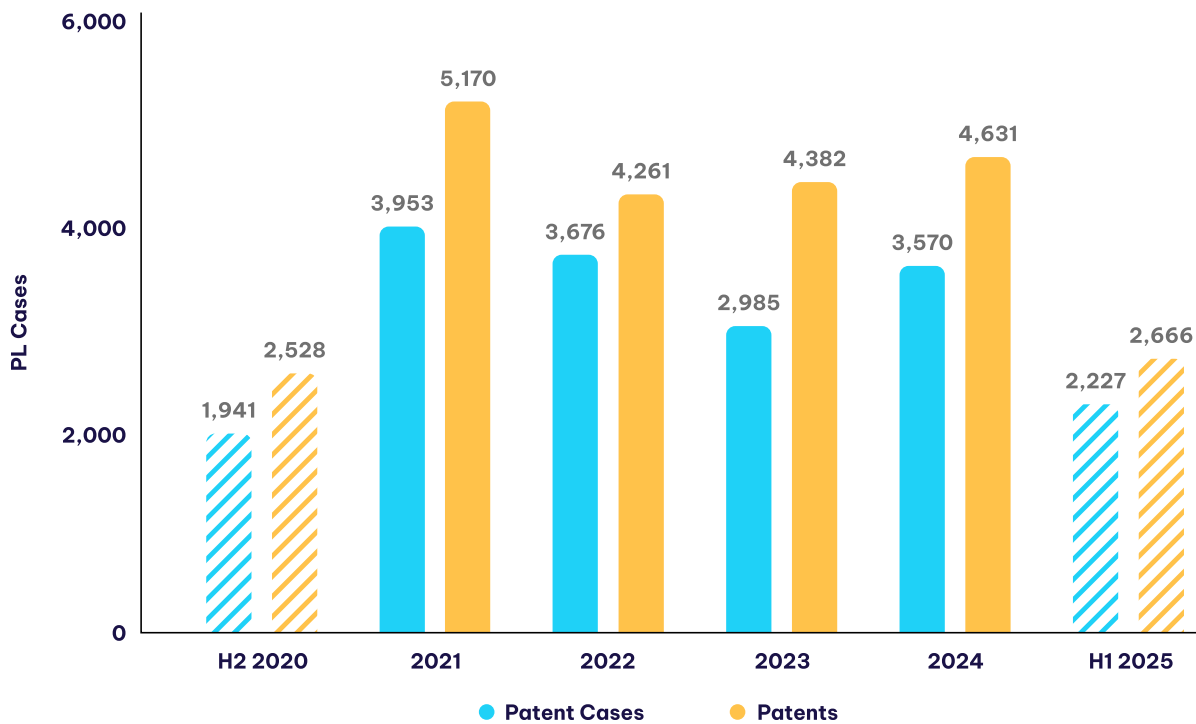


Figure 1.1. Annual District Court Filings from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025 (2020 and 2025 are half years)

Over the five-year period analyzed, 23,638 patents were litigated across the 18,352 patent cases, resulting in an average of approximately 1.29 patents per case. When considering only unique patents, the average falls to 0.97 patents per case, indicating that a subset of patents appeared repeatedly in multiple actions. The gap between total and unique patent counts highlights the recurring assertion of certain patents across different disputes. This repetition is not incidental and often signals patents of particular commercial or strategic value. In practice, such patents tend to be concentrated in technology-driven industries and are frequently

leveraged as part of broader enforcement strategies, especially in highly competitive markets where intellectual property plays a central role.

Observation 1

From July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, there were:

18,352

Patent Cases

17,811

Unique Patents

1.29

Average Number of Unique Patents per Filing per Year

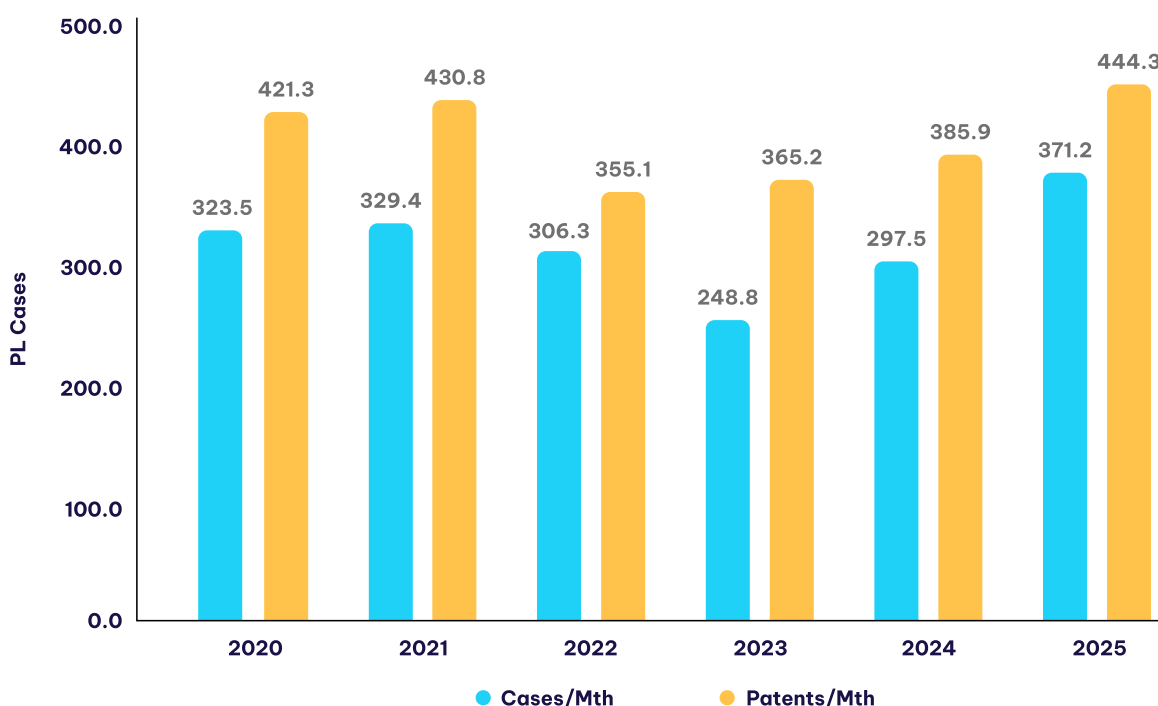


Figure 1.2. Average Monthly Filings from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025

To allow for a fair year-over-year comparison, the chart below normalizes the data on a monthly basis, accounting for the fact that both 2020 and 2025 represent partial calendar years. This normalization provides a clearer view of changes in filing volume and patent involvement over time.

In 2020, litigation activity averaged 323.5 cases per month, with an average of 421.3 patents asserted monthly. Activity increased slightly in 2021, reaching 329.4 cases per month, while patent involvement rose to 430.8 patents per month. Both measures declined in 2022, with fil-

ings dropping to 306.3 cases per month and patent involvement falling to 355.1 patents per month. The decline in filings continued in 2023, averaging 248.8 cases per month, although patent involvement increased to 365.2 per month. In 2024, activity recov-

ered to an average of 297.5 cases per month, alongside 385.9 patents per month. This upward movement accelerated in 2025, where filings peaked at 371.2 cases per month, accompanied by a monthly average of 444.3 patents involved.

YoY Comparison of Filings (Case and Patent Levels)

The data does not suggest a direct relationship between annual filing volume and the number of patents asserted. Instead, the ratio of patents to cases offers a more useful indicator of how litigation has evolved over time. Higher ratios generally point to cases involving multiple patents, which often correspond to more complex disputes. Lower ratios, by contrast, reflect matters built around fewer asserted patents. In 2022, this ratio reached its lowest point at 1.16 patents per case, indicating that disputes during that year tended to involve fewer asserted patents. This pattern shifted notably in subsequent years. By 2023, the ratio climbed to 1.47, signaling a move toward cases involving a broader set of asserted patents and, in many instances, greater complexity.

Looking across the full five-year window, the ratio stood at 1.30 in 2020 and edged up slightly to 1.31 in 2021 before dropping in 2022. In 2024 and 2025, the ratios settled at 1.30 and 1.20, respectively. Taken together, these fluctuations point to alternating periods

of simpler and more patent-dense litigation.

Several external and procedural factors may have influenced the fluctuations observed in patent litigation filings between July 2020 and June 2025. The early part of the period coincided with the COVID-19 pandemic, while later variations may reflect ongoing adjustments in venue strategies, changes in district court practices, use of parallel PTAB proceedings, and shifts in enforcement behavior among large technology companies and non-practicing entities. More recent increases in filing activity may also be associated with heightened commercial competition, the maturation of patent portfolios, and greater predictability around litigation timing and forum selection.

Observation 2

District Court patent litigation filings saw a year-over-year decline beginning in 2021. This downward trend leveled off in 2024, suggesting a possible stabilization in overall activity.

Most Popular States for Patent Litigation

Patent litigation in the United States is heavily concentrated in a small number of states. From July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2025, Texas emerged as the most active venue, handling 7,681 or 41.85% of all cases. California followed with 2,407 cases (13.12%), reflecting its prom-

inent role in technology-focused disputes. Delaware, long favored for corporate litigation due to its business-friendly legal framework, accounted for 2,258 cases (12.30%). Combined, these three states represent 67.27% of all patent litigation filings during the period.

Beyond the top three, Illinois recorded 1,280 cases (6.97%), New York 768 cases (4.18%), and Florida 636 cases (3.47%), rounding out the six most active jurisdictions. All other states individually accounted for less than 3% of total filings, highlighting a strong geographic concentration of patent litigation in the United States.

The Eastern District of Texas has long been a preferred venue for patent litigation, in large part due to its procedural practices and historically plaintiff-friendly reputation. Courts in this district have developed specialized expertise in handling patent disputes, offering relatively fast trial timelines and predictable procedures. For plaintiffs, these characteristics often translate into more efficient case resolution and the potential for favorable outcomes, which has contributed to the sustained high volume of filings in the state. As discussed in later sections, the top two most active judges preside in the Eastern and Western Districts of Texas, further highlighting the central role of these courts in patent litigation.

California attracts patent litigation due to its proximity to the heart of the technology sector, including Silicon Valley. Many high-tech companies, startups, and established innovators are headquartered in California, which naturally results in a concentration of intellectual property disputes within its courts. This geographical and commercial connection makes California a logical venue for cases involving cutting-edge technology and complex software, hardware, and electronics patents.

Observation 3

The District Courts in Texas, California, and Delaware together handled 12,346 of the 18,352 patent cases filed between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025, representing 67.3% of all filings during this period.

Delaware’s dominance is largely tied to its status as the corporate home for a substantial number of U.S. businesses. The state’s courts are well-versed in complex com-

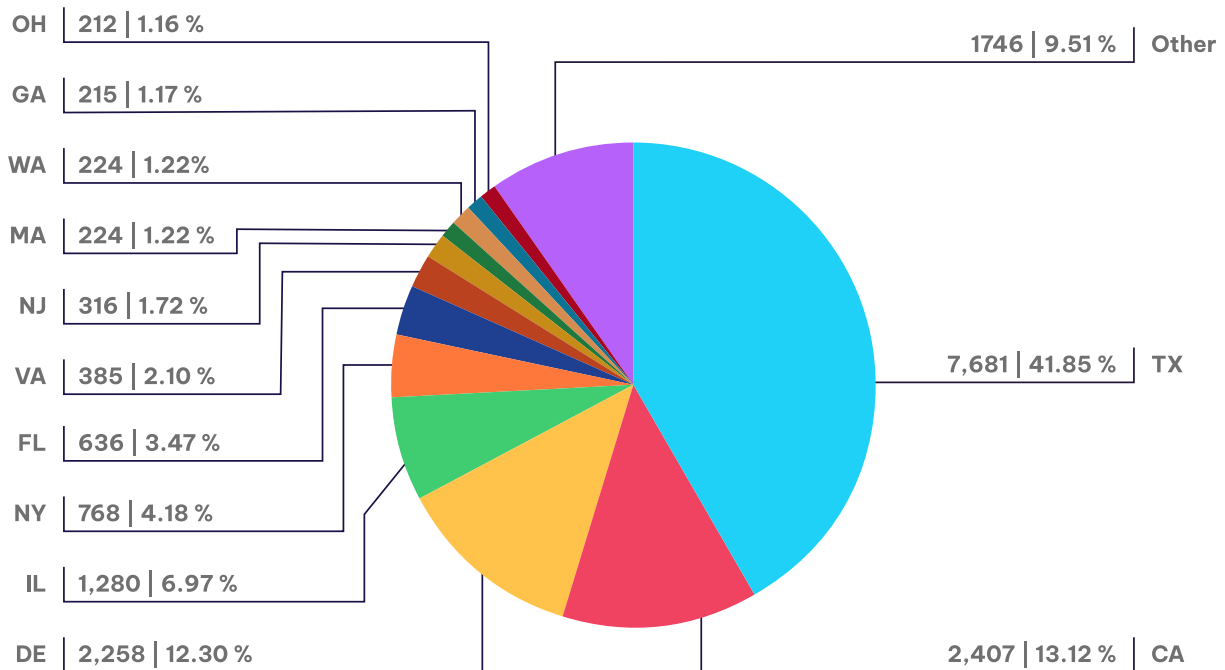


Figure 1.3. District Court Patent Cases by State, July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024

mercial and corporate litigation, offering predictability and extensive experience in handling intellectual property matters tied to corporate defendants. For patent owners, Delaware provides a forum where the judicial system is familiar with sophisticated corporate structures and the business implications of patent enforcement, making it an attractive venue for cases involving large corporations.

The Geographic Heat Map below offers a visual overview of patent litigation activity across the United States during the study period. Color gradients indicate the relative volume of filings in each state, making it easy to see where litigation is most concentrated. This map provides a clear perspective on the geographic distribution of patent cases, highlighting the states that serve as primary venues for patent disputes.

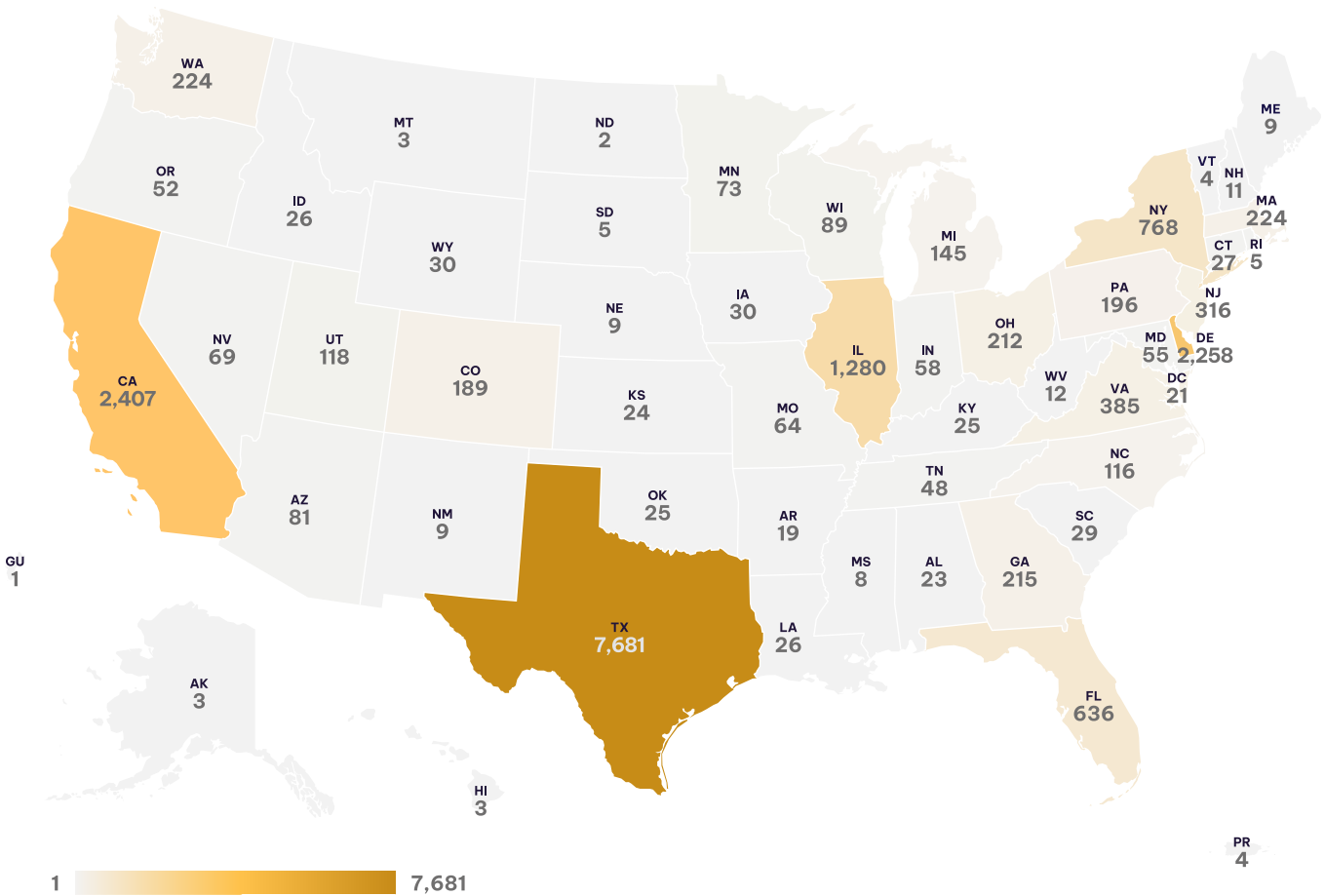


Figure 1.4. Patent Litigation Activity Across US, July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025

Most Active District Courts for Patent Litigation

Patent litigation in the United States is highly concentrated not only by state but also by specific federal judicial districts. The choice

of venue can have a significant impact on case strategy, influencing factors such as trial speed, procedural rules, local legal

expertise, and perceived plaintiff or defendant advantages. Companies and attorneys often consider these elements when selecting a forum, a practice commonly referred to as venue shopping. Other considerations include the experience of judges in handling patent cases, the historical outcomes of similar disputes, and the familiarity of local counsel with particular districts.

However, over time, legal developments have altered the ease with which litigants can choose their preferred venue. In 2017, the U.S. Supreme Court’s [TC Heartland decision](#) restricted the ability to file patent cases in any district where the defendant conducts business, narrowing the pool of potential forums. This ruling redefined the distribution of patent cases nationwide, prompting shifts in filings across various districts. In addition, local rule changes and procedural enhancements in certain districts have influenced where cases are concentrated. For example, the introduction of expedited trial procedures and specialized patent dockets in districts such as the Eastern and Western Districts of Texas and the Northern District of California has made these courts particularly attractive for patent holders and defen-

dants seeking efficient and predictable case management.

The chart below presents the top ten most active district courts for patent filings between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025. It highlights the districts with the highest volume of cases during this period, providing insight into patterns of venue selection and the concentration of patent litigation across the United States.

The Eastern District of Texas (TXEDCE) ranks as the most active court, handling 3,485 cases, closely followed by the Western District of Texas (TXWDCE) with 3,480 cases, and the District of Delaware (DEDCE) with 2,258 cases. A key development during this period is the gradual slowdown of filings in Delaware, while the Eastern District of Texas continues to see rising activity, solidifying its position as the leading venue for patent litigation.

The District of Delaware has experienced a relative decline in patent filings in recent years, a shift that appears tied to changes in court practices rather than a loss of relevance. In particular, enhanced [disclosure](#)

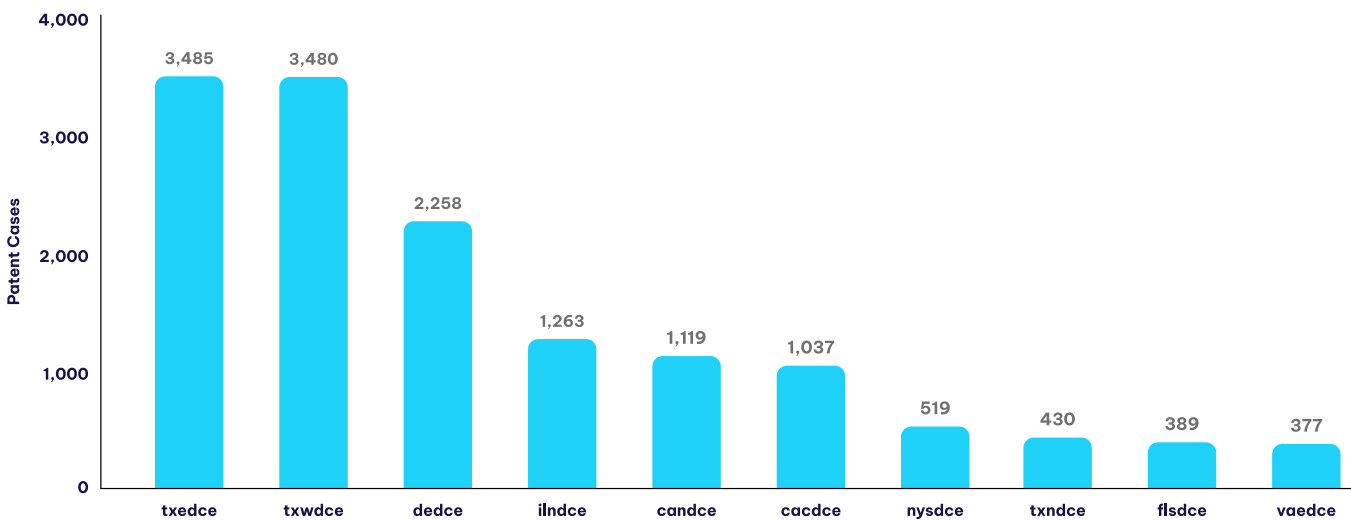


Figure 1.5. Most Active US District Courts for Patent Cases, July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025

[requirements](#) introduced in the district, especially those related to litigation funding and corporate ownership, have increased transparency obligations for plaintiffs. These requirements, coupled with active judicial enforcement, have altered filing incentives for certain litigants, including non-practicing entities that previously accounted for a substantial share of Delaware's caseload. As a result, some cases that might historically have been filed in Delaware have migrated to other districts, contributing to a redistribution of patent litigation activity while Delaware continues to remain an important forum for complex corporate disputes.

California's Northern District (CANDCE) and Central District (CACDCE) also stand out with 1,119 and 1,037 cases, respectively. The Northern District of Illinois (ILNDCE) meanwhile is on the rise, [driven in large part](#) by the prevalence of "Schedule A" cases, a litigation mechanism that allows a plaintiff to sue numerous unidentified online sellers in a single complaint under a sealed Schedule A attachment. In these matters, defendants are often listed by online identifiers rather than legal names, which facilitates targeting large numbers of alleged infringers in one action and enables early injunctive relief and asset freezes against sellers who may otherwise evade process.

Trends in Patent Litigation Across Key U.S. District Courts

Over the past five years, patent litigation activity has shown fluctuations across the three most active district courts. The following chart illustrates year-by-year filing trends in the Western District of Texas (TXWDCE), the Eastern District of Texas (TXEDCE), and the District of Delaware (DEDCE). The analysis includes the most recent complete data through 2025, providing a comprehensive view of how filing patterns have evolved over time across these leading venues.

As shown below, the Western District of Texas (TXWDCE) experienced an increase in patent litigation filings, peaking at 992 cases in 2021, which reinforced its reputation as a preferred venue for plaintiffs during that period. Since then, filings have declined substantially, falling to 373 cases in 2024 and reflecting a notable contraction in activity. These fluctuations closely align with the period in which Judge Alan Albright [played a central role](#) in patent litigation, as his technical expertise and expedited case manage-

ment attracted a high volume of filings. Subsequent procedural changes, most notably [revisions to case assignment](#) practices that distributed cases more evenly among judges, likely contributed to the observed decline. In 2025, the district shows signs of recovery, with filings increasing to 523 cases.

The District of Delaware (DEDCE) exhibits a similar pattern, with filings rising to a peak of 728 cases in 2021 before declining to 279 cases in 2024, followed by a partial rebound to 388 cases in 2025. Long regarded as a leading venue for patent litigation, Delaware's recent decline appears consistent with procedural reforms, as discussed above. These measures, aimed at increasing transparency and disclosure, may have discouraged certain plaintiffs and contributed to the reduced level of filing activity observed in the district.

The Eastern District of Texas (TXEDCE) has shown sustained growth in patent litigation filings, particularly in the latter part of

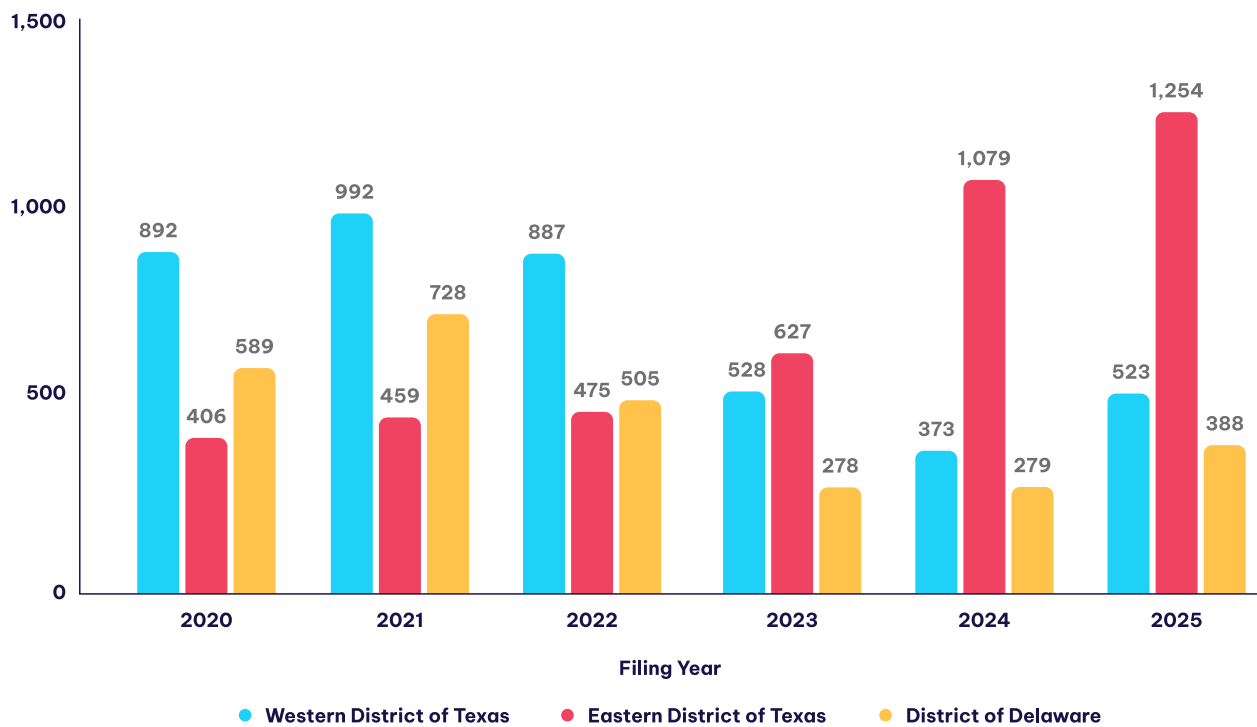


Figure 1.6. Yearly Patent Litigation Filings in Top U.S. Districts (2020–2025)

the study period. After fluctuating between approximately 400 and 500 cases annually from 2020 through 2022, filings increased to 627 cases in 2023. This upward trend accelerated sharply in subsequent years, with filings surging to 1,079 cases in 2024 and reaching 1,254 cases in 2025, firmly establishing the Eastern District of Texas as the leading venue for patent litigation during the study period.

This growth aligns with an [administrative order](#) issued by Chief Judge Rodney Gilstrap in January 2023, which further reinforced the Eastern District of Texas as a preferred venue for patent litigation. Under the order,

approximately 90% of civil cases filed in the Marshall Division are assigned to Judge Gilstrap, offering greater consistency and predictability for litigants compared to randomized judge assignment. As discussed further below, cases presided over by Judge Gilstrap have been a significant contributor to the increase in filings, underscoring the district’s continued appeal to plaintiffs. Combined with its reputation for procedural efficiency and experienced handling of patent matters, the Eastern District of Texas has increasingly attracted patent litigants, making it a key driver of the broader rise in patent litigation activity observed in 2025.

Patent Filings Before Judges Albright and Gilstrap

Over the past several years, Judges Alan D. Albright and Rodney Gilstrap have consistently ranked as the two most active district court judges in patent litigation. Collectively, they presided over a substantial

share of patent cases filed in the United States during the study period, accounting for approximately 27.31% of total filings. The following chart illustrates filing trends for cases assigned to Judges Albright and Gil-

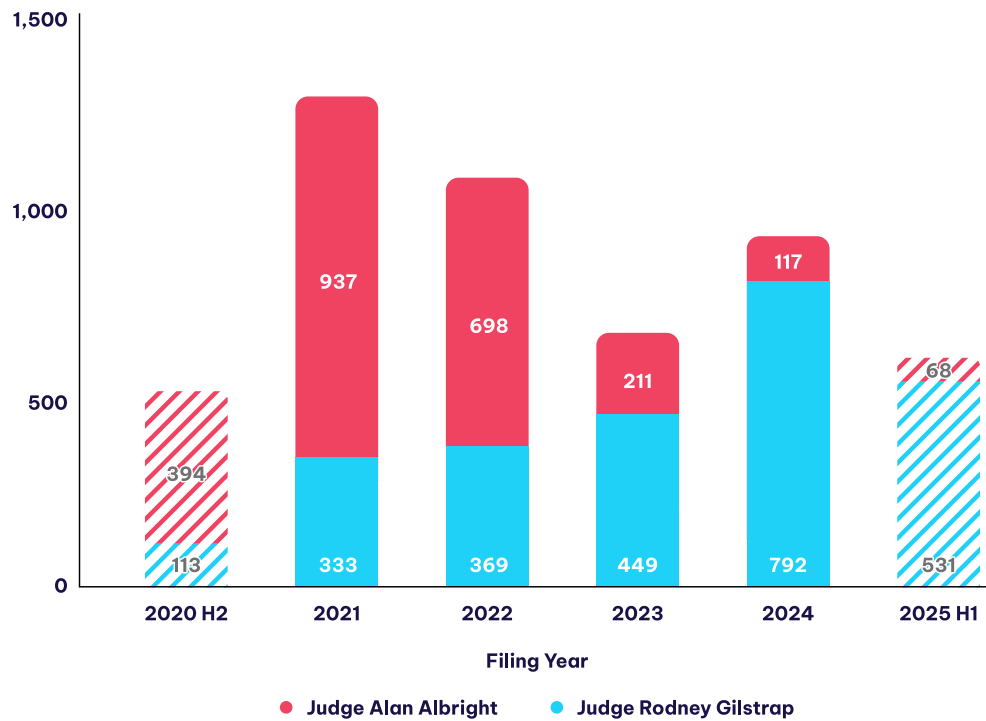


Figure 1.7. Comparison of the Two Most Active Judges in Patent Cases, July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025

strap, providing a comparative view of their respective caseloads and highlighting year-over-year changes in activity.

A mix of procedural practices, judicial efficiency, and historical venue preferences has contributed to the attractiveness of these courts for patent plaintiffs. Judge Gilstrap’s Eastern District of Texas has long been regarded as a plaintiff-favorable venue, known for efficiently managing patent disputes and resisting venue transfer requests. Likewise, Judge Albright’s Western District of Texas gained prominence due to expedited

trial procedures and his technical expertise, appealing to plaintiffs seeking timely resolutions.

Over the past two years, however, the number of cases assigned to Judge Albright has gradually declined, largely reflecting procedural changes that introduced randomized assignment of patent cases across the Western District of Texas. By contrast, Judge Gilstrap’s docket in the Eastern District of Texas has continued to expand, highlighting the sustained preference among plaintiffs for his court.

PACER Status of Patent Cases

As of December 1, 2025, a total of 15,684 of the 18,352 patent cases filed between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025, had reached a conclusion, with their statuses recorded in the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system. These concluded

cases encompass a wide range of outcomes, offering valuable insights into trends in patent litigation resolution during this period. **Figure 1.6** provides an overview, categorizing cases by final status and the number of unique patents involved, and highlighting

the diversity of outcomes, including dismissals, settlements, and court judgments. Meanwhile, 2,668 cases remain active, with

final classifications still pending in PACER, illustrating the ongoing and often protracted nature of patent litigation proceedings.

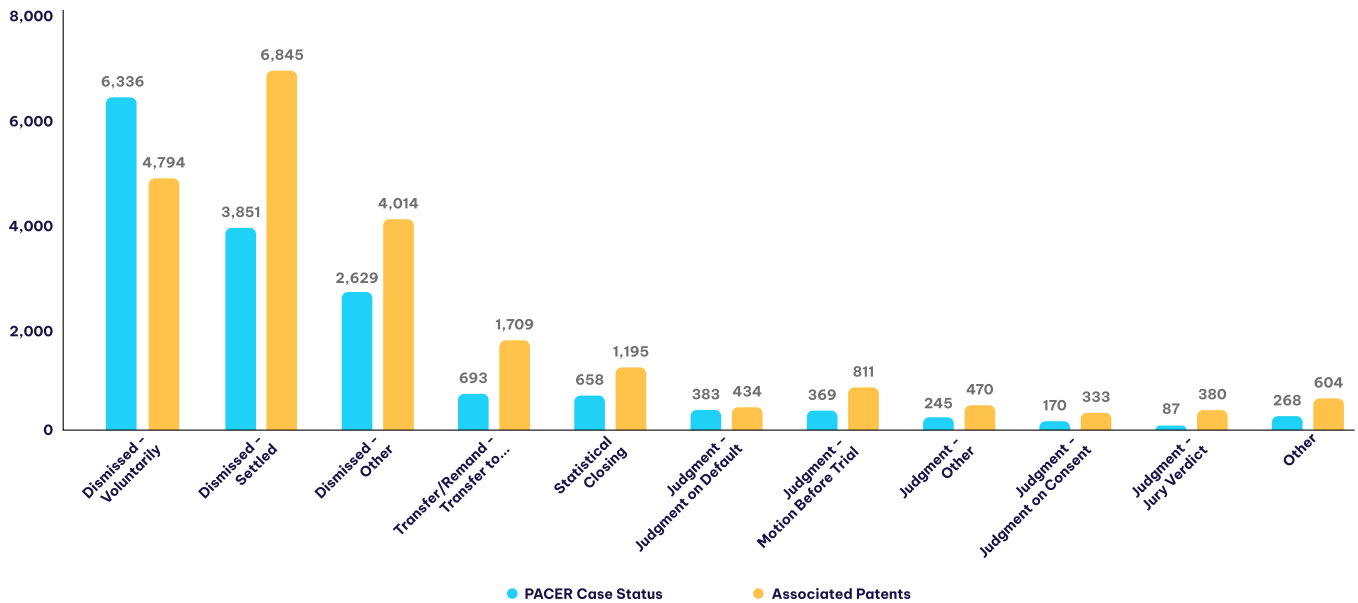


Figure 1.8. Patent Cases filed between July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025, with a PACER Decision status as of December 1, 2025

The majority of concluded cases were dismissed, totaling 12,945 cases (82.54%), reflecting the prevalence of settlements or other substantive issues that led to early termination. Judgments represented the second-largest category, with 1,270 cases (8.10%), illustrating the role of courts in resolving disputes that could not be settled or otherwise dismissed. Other outcomes

included transferred cases (781) and cases closed for administrative or statistical reasons (658), such as non-reportable closures or stays pending bankruptcy proceedings. This distribution underscores the procedural complexity of patent litigation, with most cases resolving before reaching judgment, either through dismissals, often linked to settlements, or via administrative measures.

Practical Outcome of Terminated Patent Cases with Judgment

The term "PACER Status" refers to the official classification of a patent litigation case's outcome or termination status in the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system. However, a closer look shows that these statuses, especially those marked as "judgment," often do not accurately reflect

the practical outcome or identify the prevailing party. To address this, a manual review of case documents was conducted for all cases listed as "judgment" in PACER to determine the actual results. More details about this process is available in the last section of the report. Our analysis revealed that various

PACER judgment categories could be reclassified to better reflect the case outcome, including:

- **Judgment - Defendant Wins:** This classification indicates a judgment where the defendant in the patent case emerges as the prevailing party, securing a favorable outcome in the litigation. The court's decision or judgment predominantly favors the defendant's position, resulting in the case being concluded in their favor.
- **Judgment - Plaintiff Wins:** This category signifies a judgment where the plaintiff in the patent case prevails as the winning party. The court's decision or judgment substantially favors the plaintiff's claims, leading to a favorable outcome for the plaintiff in the litigation.
- **Judgment - Dismissed by Party(ies):** This classification refers to a scenario where the case enters a judgment being dismissed at the request of the plaintiff party,

or a joint motion, often occurring due to agreements reached between the involved parties.

- **Judgment - Settlement (confidential):** This category denotes a judgment resulting from a settlement agreement between the parties involved in the patent case. The terms and details of the settlement are often confidential and not disclosed publicly, leading to the classification of the case's outcome as a confidential settlement.
- **Partial Win for Both:** This classification denotes a situation in a patent case where both the plaintiff and defendant achieve varying degrees of success in different claims or counts presented in the litigation. The court's decision or judgment favors the plaintiff in certain counts and the defendant in others. Consequently, neither party secures a complete victory, resulting in a partial win or resolution that offers some degree of benefit to both sides.

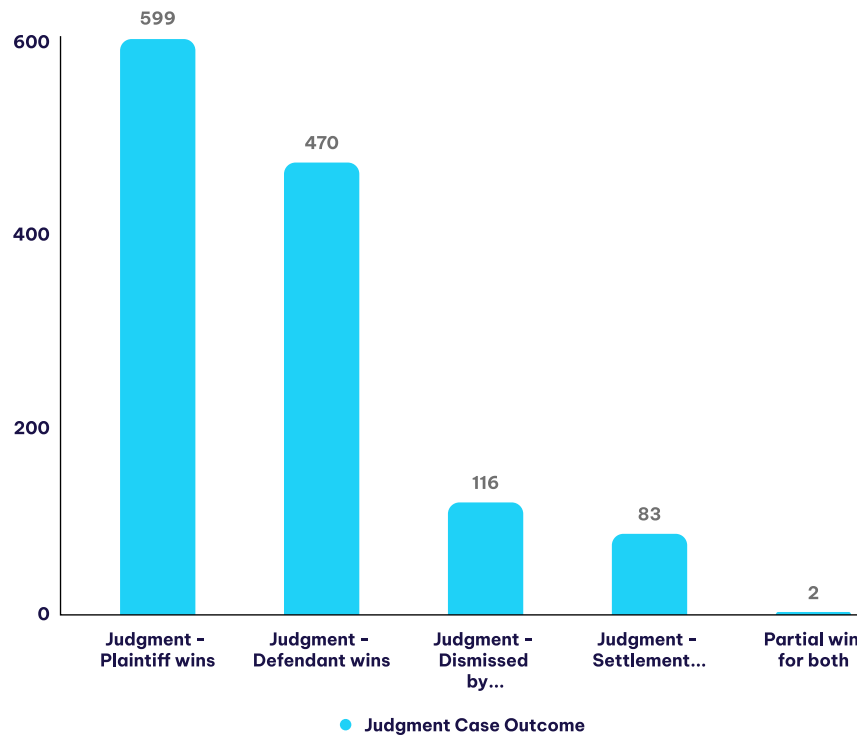


Figure 1.9. Practical Outcome of Judgment Patent Cases filed July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025, and Decided as of December 1, 2025.

Observation 4

The analysis of patent cases resulting in a final judgment reveals that a majority, 47.17%, resulted in favorable outcomes for plaintiffs, while approximately 37.01% favored defendants.

Figure 1.9 illustrates the practical outcomes of patent cases filed between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025, based on our detailed analysis of case results. This review focused on cases with a "Judgment" PACER decision status, revealing the following distribution:

- About 47.17% (599 out of 1,270) of cases resulted in effective "wins" for the plaintiff.
- Approximately 37.01% (470 out of 1,270) were effective "wins" for the defendant.
- About 9.13% (116 out of 1,270) were dismissed by the plaintiff or both parties, entering judgment.
- 6.54 percent (83 out of 1,270) were confidential settlements.
- Less than half a percent (2 out of 1,270) resulted in partial wins for both sides due to multiple counts in a single case.

Case Length from Filing to Termination

By grouping and analyzing the various documents submitted by all parties in a case, we can identify key milestones, offering insights into trends and the timing of each stage. While detailed milestone data is accessible through Patexia's Litigation Analyzer, this report focuses on the typical duration of patent case resolutions. Timelines vary widely, with some cases concluding within a year and others extending over several years. The chart below categorizes cases based on closure times into four groups: resolved within 6 months, between 6 and 12 months, between 12 and 18 months, and extending beyond 18 months.

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12 months, 12 to 18 months, and beyond 18 months.

The majority of cases, 56.99%, are resolved within six months, reflecting the prevalence of early settlements, dismissals, transfers, and other expedited outcomes. Another notable portion, approximately 22.92%, concludes within six to twelve months, while 9.89% of cases take between twelve and eighteen months to resolve. Cases extending beyond eighteen months account for 10.20% and often involve more complex or contentious disputes.

Several factors influence case duration, including the complexity of the patents involved, the venue of filing, and the litigation strategies employed by the parties. For instance, cases in faster-paced venues or those resolved through settlements tend to close more quickly, whereas disputes involving extensive motions, discovery disagreements, or multi-patent portfolios are more likely to extend beyond eighteen months. Understanding these timelines is critical for plaintiffs and defendants as they allocate resources and set expecta-

tions. Shorter timelines can benefit parties with limited resources by providing quicker resolution, while prolonged cases may strain budgets and strategic planning. Addition-

ally, case duration often affects settlement negotiations, as parties weigh the costs of continued litigation against potential outcomes.

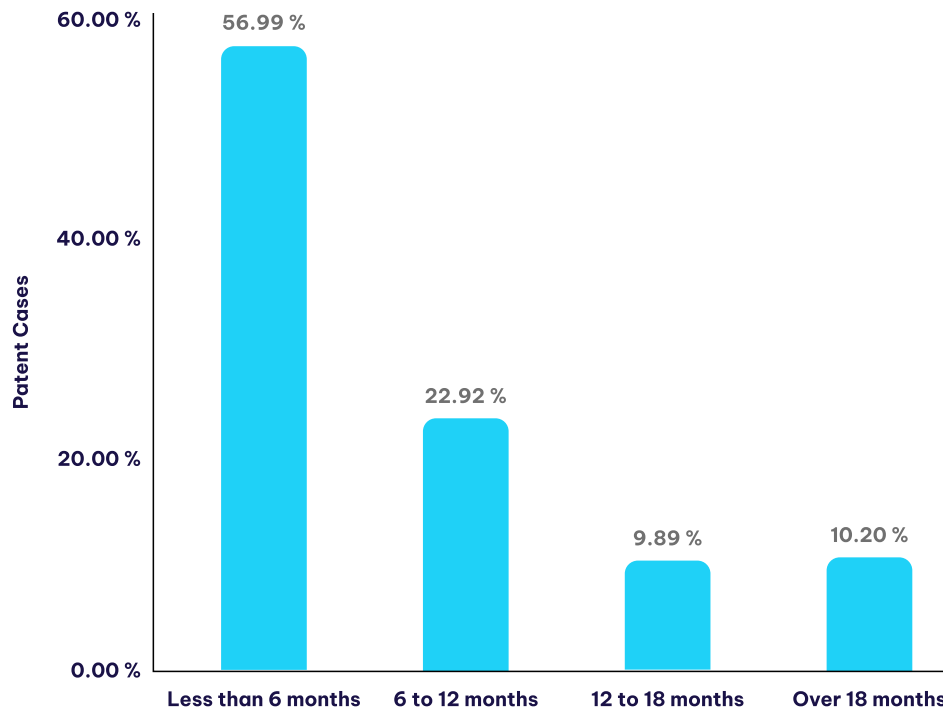


Figure 1.10. Terminated Patent Cases Filed Between July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025, Grouped by Case Length

Status Breakdown Across Termination Periods

After categorizing cases by their time to termination, we further analyzed them by final outcome groups: Dismissed, Judgment, Transferred, and Other. This classification makes it easier to examine trends and offers a clearer view of how the duration of a case relates to its ultimate resolution.

While it is expected that dismissals account for the majority of early terminations, their share is high even in cases extending beyond 18 months. Notably, however, dismissals still represent a significant portion of these prolonged cases. A closer look shows that

voluntary dismissals are most common within the first six months, whereas dismissals resulting from settlements tend to occur later, suggesting that companies may take more time to negotiate favorable terms or adjust their strategies. Judgments, in contrast, steadily increase as cases progress, reflecting the need for judicial resolution in more complex disputes. The occurrence of transfers in longer-duration cases further highlights the evolving and intricate nature of patent litigation, often involving jurisdictional considerations or strategic changes in venue.

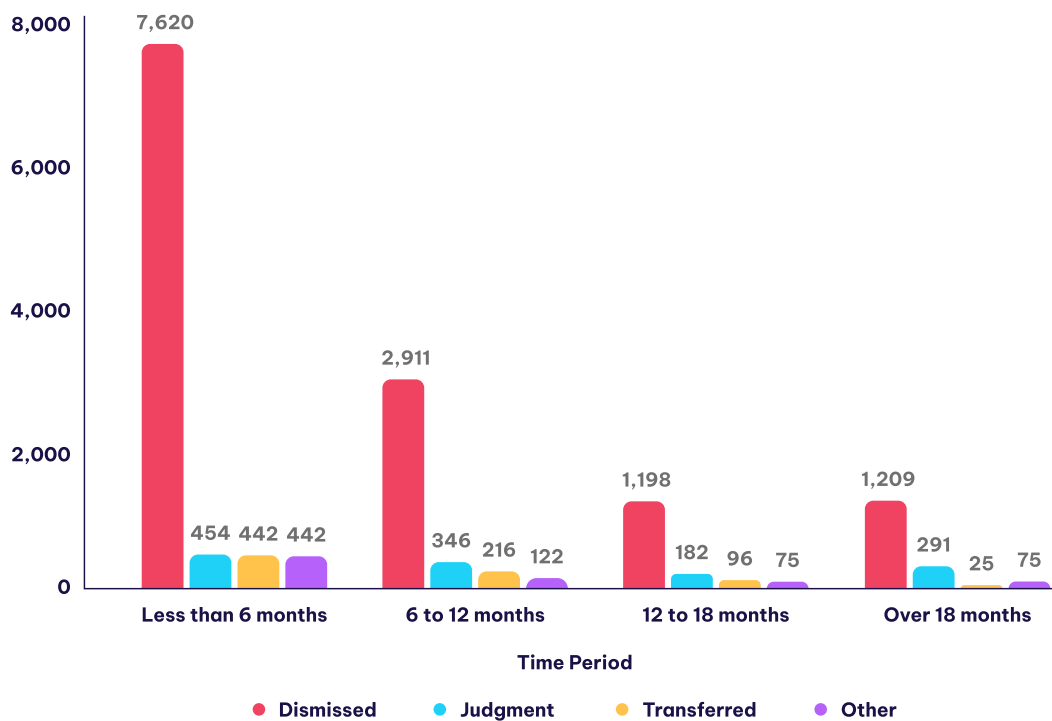


Figure 1.11. Case Status Trends by Time-to-Termination

Most Litigated Technologies (based on IPC codes)

The International Patent Classification (IPC) system provides a standardized way to categorize patents according to their technical subject matter, offering a clearer view of the types of innovations involved in litigation. By examining cases through their IPC codes, we can identify which technological areas are most frequently contested and detect trends in enforcement across different industries. The chart below presents the distribution of patent cases filed between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025, organized by IPC classification, providing insight into the sectors driving recent patent disputes.

The most frequently litigated IPC code was G06F, covering “electric digital data processing,” which appeared in 29.39% of cases. This highlights the central role of digital data processing technologies in both innovation and patent disputes. Close behind, H04L,

related to the “transmission of digital information” (such as telegraphic communication), featured in 21.07% of cases, reflecting the prominence of telecommunications and network technologies in litigation. Other notable IPC codes include G06Q, covering data processing systems or methods, involved in 11.44% of cases, and H04W, relating to wireless communication networks, appearing in 10.86% of cases. Additional categories such as H04M (telecommunications, including telephone and fax technologies), H04N (pictorial communication, e.g., television), and H04B (transmission of information-carrying signals) appeared in 9.27%, 8.98%, and 8.13% of cases, respectively. All other IPC codes each accounted for less than 5% of cases, as illustrated in **Figure 1.12**.

An important observation is that all of the top 10 most litigated IPC codes fall within the

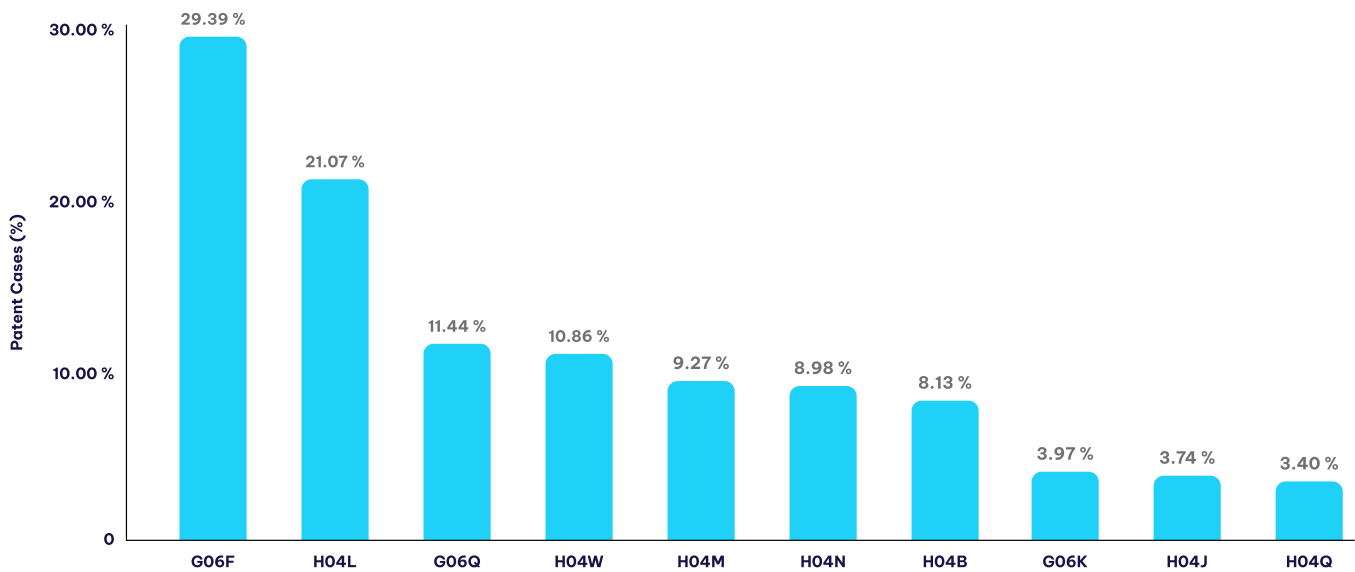


Figure 1.12. Top 10 Most Common IPC Codes in Patent Cases Filed from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2025.

G and H classes, corresponding to the fields of physics and electricity, respectively. This highlights the continued dominance of these technological sectors in patent litigation. Beyond these, other notable codes such as A61B and A61K, ranking 13th and 15th, represent technologies outside the G and H clas-

sifications. A61B relates to medical or dental instruments, including surgical tools, diagnostic devices, and electrotherapy equipment, while A61K covers medical, dental, and personal care preparations, with specific subclasses for veterinary and medical applications.

Most Litigated Patents

Our review of patent litigation cases shows that a relatively small set of patents is involved in a disproportionately large number of disputes, often appearing across multiple jurisdictions. This pattern is especially common in sectors such as digital imaging, telephony, auction platforms, and cloud-based storage, where certain patents cover core technologies widely implemented in products and services.

Figure 1.13 highlights the top 10 most frequently litigated patents in cases filed between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025:

- 1 [US6972790B2](#) - Host interface for imaging arrays - litigated in 256 cases
- 2 [US8537242B2](#) - Host interface for imaging arrays - litigated in 252 cases
- 3 [US10237420B1](#) - Method and system for matching entities in an auction - litigated in 189 cases
- 4 [US09456086B1](#) - Method and system for matching entities in an auction - litigated in 188 cases
- 5 [US07023979B1](#) - Telephony control system with intelligent call routing - litigated in 186 cases
- 6 [US10491748B1](#) - Intelligent communication routing system and method - litigated in 180 cases
- 7 [US07269253B1](#) - Telephony control system with intelligent call routing - litigated in 179 cases

- 8 [US07203844B1](#) - Method and system for a recursive security protocol for digital copyright control - litigated in 177 cases
- 9 [US6473527B1](#) - Module and method for interfacing analog/digital converting means and JPEG compression means - litigated in 124 cases
- 10 [US09261365B2](#) - Device, system and method for remotely entering, storing and sharing addresses for a positional information device - litigated in 87 cases

Patents that are frequently litigated often spark complex legal disputes, including patent pooling, licensing negotiations, and potential injunctions or damage claims. Many of these patents belong to larger portfolios held by non-practicing entities (NPEs), who enforce them strategically against operating

companies to secure settlements or licensing agreements. The repeated litigation of the same patents also reflects ongoing technological development, as companies work to protect their intellectual property while adapting to evolving products and standards. Even patents that have been litigated previously can influence market access and competitive positioning, underscoring their continued relevance.

Identifying the most frequently litigated patents offers valuable insight into broader trends in patent strategy and the competitive landscape. This information can help companies anticipate future litigation risks and pinpoint areas of innovation or dense patent clusters that require careful management.

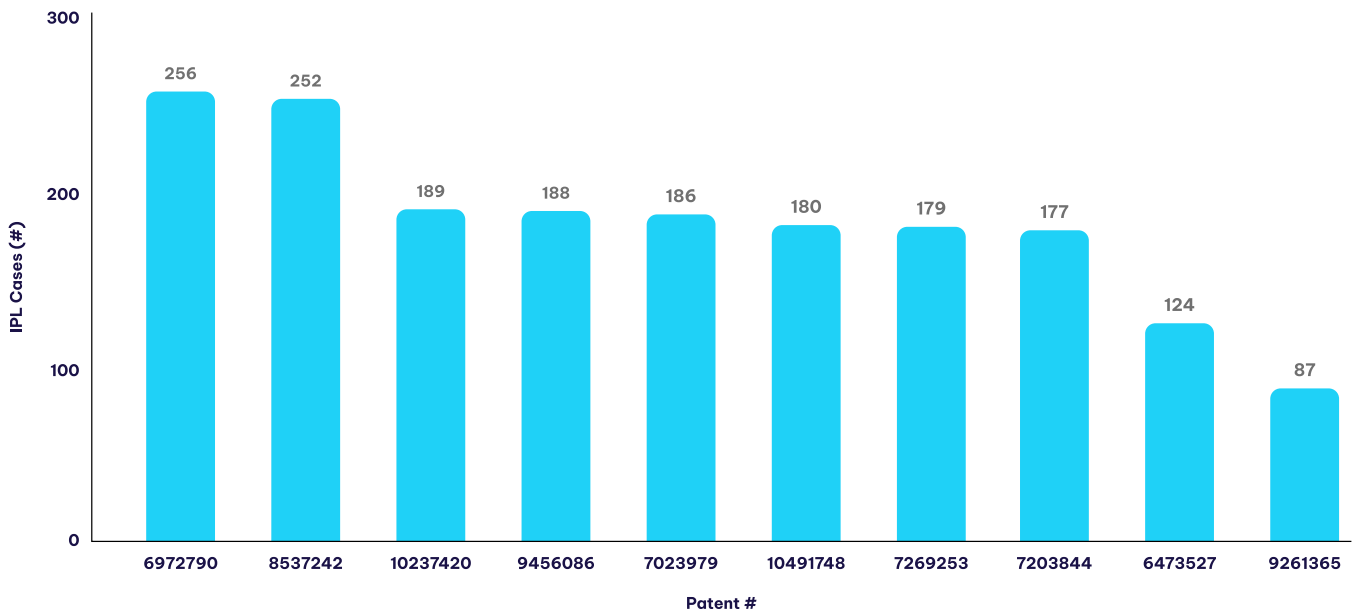


Figure 1.13. Top 10 Most Litigated Patents in Patent Cases Filed from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2025.

Patent Litigation Families Filed Yearly

We define patent litigation families as groups of cases linked by a single patent. Even when filed in different courts or jurisdictions, these cases involve the same patent or closely

related patents, often featuring the same plaintiffs and recurring defendants. Examining these families allows us to uncover patterns in how patents are enforced, including

their geographic reach, recurring legal strategies, and the industries most affected. This approach helps highlight how certain patents or portfolios can dominate litigation activity and change broader market dynamics.

The chart below shows the distribution of Patent Litigation Families filed during our study period:

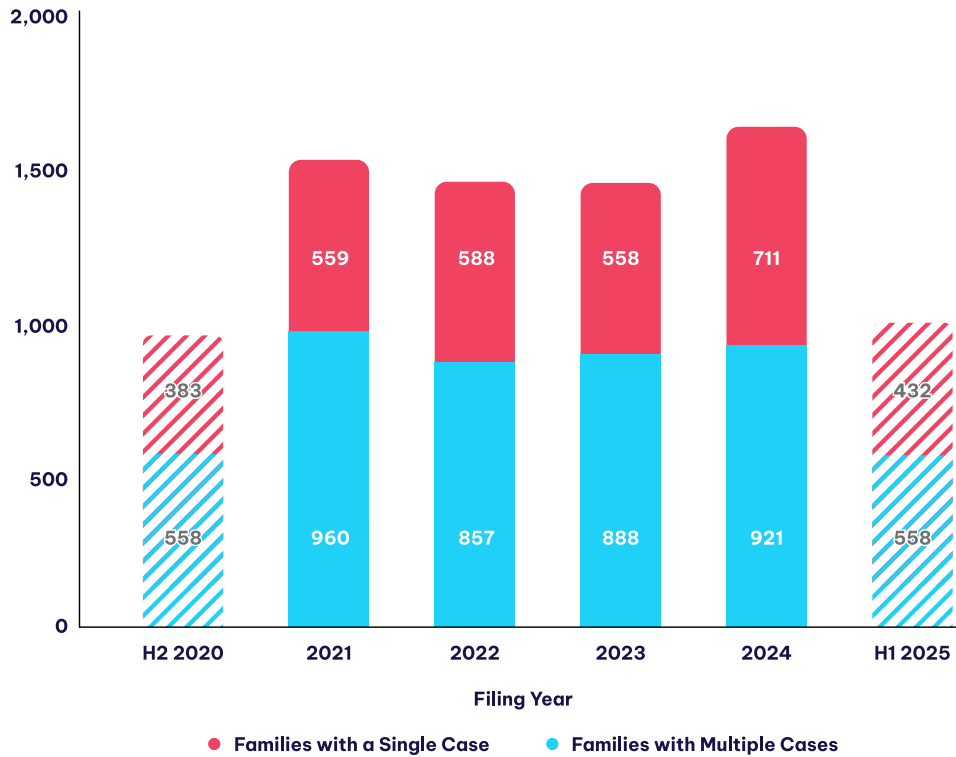


Figure 1.14. Patent Litigation Families Initiated July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025

As shown above, families consisting of a single case consistently make up a large portion of all patent litigation families, reflecting a tendency toward more focused and cost-efficient enforcement strategies rather than broad litigation campaigns. In contrast, families involving multiple cases are usually

far more complex, often spanning numerous parties and venues. These multi-case families tend to involve higher costs and longer timelines to reach resolution. It’s important to note that these figures represent a snapshot in time and may evolve as new cases are filed.

Favorite Venues for Patent Litigation Families

Our analysis covers a range of patent litigation venues, including U.S. District Courts, the PTAB, ITC Section 337 investigations, and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC). By applying the concept of

Patent Litigation Families, we were able to examine how cases are distributed and how activity varies across these different venues throughout the study period.

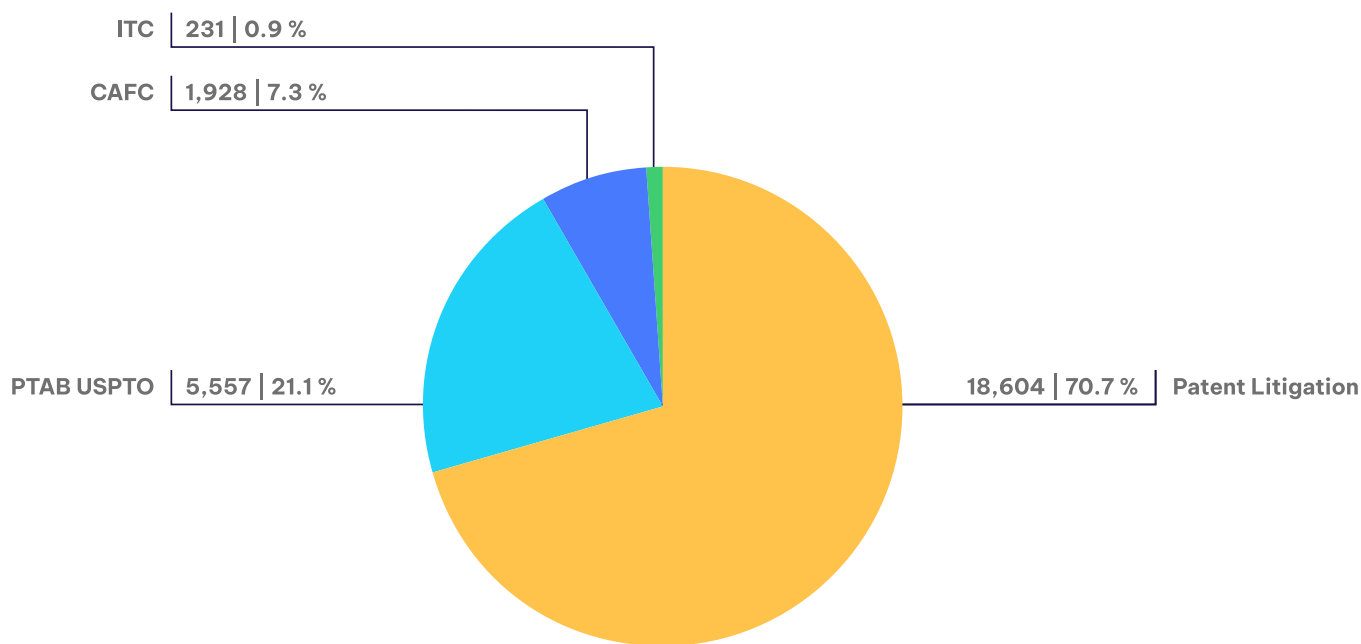


Figure 1.15. Most Popular Venues for Patent Litigation Families Initiated July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025

During the study period, a total of 8,013 patent litigation families were initiated, covering 26,320 cases across various venues. Each venue plays a distinct role in the broader patent litigation ecosystem. U.S. District Courts remain the primary forum for resolving complex disputes, reflecting their central position in the system. The PTAB contributes a significant portion of cases, primarily through administrative reviews such as inter partes review (IPR). While ITC Section 337 investigations are fewer in number, they are crucial for addressing cross-border disputes, particularly those involving imported goods. Finally, cases at the CAFC, though smaller in volume, serve an essential function by resolving appeals from lower courts and administrative proceedings, providing clarity and finality to contested patent decisions.

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By the Numbers: Judges, Companies, Law Firms, Patent Attorneys, and Local Counsel

Here we provide an overview of key statistics in high-level for all stakeholders and parties engaged in patent cases during the

study period. More detailed insights for each group will be furnished in the subsequent sections.

	Total	Max Cases	Avg. Cases
Patent Litigation Law Firms	3,047	1,554	12.7
<i>Law Firms (Plaintiff)</i>	2,049	1,553	10.5
<i>Law Firms (Defendant)</i>	2,025	1,041	8.5
Patent Litigators	13,851	1,554	5.9
<i>Attorneys (Plaintiff)</i>	8,845	1,553	4.9
<i>Attorneys (Defendant)</i>	9,808	578	3.9
Local Counsel	346	917	37.8
<i>Local Counsel (Plaintiff)</i>	297	666	23.3
<i>Local Counsel (Defendant)</i>	285	721	18.1
All Companies	47,639	362	1.6
<i>Plaintiffs</i>	5,996	361	3.2
<i>Defendants</i>	42,973	291	1.4
District Court Judges	1,304	2,587	16

Table 1.1. Case-Level Statistics for All Parties Involved in District Court Patent Litigation

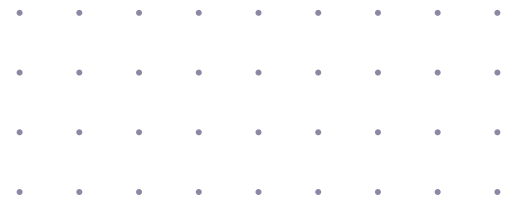
Section 02

Plaintiffs

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Analysis.



Plaintiffs and Defendants.

This section focuses on company participation in U.S. patent litigation by examining both activity levels and case outcomes. It presents rankings of the top 100 companies based on their involvement during the reporting period, highlighting those with the highest levels of litigation activity and measurable impact in court proceedings.

For a more thorough view, additional rankings and metrics are provided in **Appendix B**,

available in the accompanying Excel file. The appendix extends the analysis to the top 1,000 companies, ranked based on their involvement as plaintiffs, defendants, and on an overall basis. Together, these rankings offer a structured view of corporate litigation behavior, allowing stakeholders to compare positioning, assess competitive exposure, and identify benchmarks that reflect prevailing litigation strategies.

The Most Active Plaintiffs and Defendants

The identification of the most active plaintiffs and defendants is based on a detailed review of 47,639 companies that appeared as either party during the study period from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2025. Over this five-year span, companies participated in an average of 1.6 cases.

A similar ordering appears among defendants. Samsung Electronics leads defendant activity with participation in 291 cases involving 1,065 unique patents, resulting in a defendant activity score of 100%. Alphabet Inc. ranks second with a score of 96.84%, while Amazon, Inc. places third at 96.67%.

What is the Activity Score?

The *Activity Score* measures the extent of a company's participation in patent litigation. It is computed using a weighted approach that accounts for both the number of cases and the number of unique patents associated with each company. Greater emphasis is placed on more recent matters to reflect current litigation activity.

Samsung Electronics ranks as the most active company overall, recording an activity score of 99.91% based on its involvement in 321 cases covering 1,147 unique patents. Alphabet Inc. and Apple Inc. follow in second and third place, with activity scores of 96.73% and 96.35%, respectively.

On the plaintiff side, Cedar Lane Technologies Inc. ranks first, achieving an activity score of 96.91% through its involvement in 361 cases spanning 84 unique patents. Dyson and Rothschild Patent Imaging, LLC rank second and third, with activity scores of 94.43% and 93.90%, respectively.

Did you Know?

From July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025: **Samsung Electronics** recorded the highest overall activity score at 99.91% and achieved a 100% activity score as a defendant. **Cedar Lane Technologies Inc.** ranked as the most active plaintiff, with a plaintiff activity score of 96.91%.

In **Tables 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3**, we provide a summary of the top 100 most active defendants, plaintiffs, and overall participants in patent cases.

Table 2.1 - The 100 Most Active Defendants

Defendant Activity Rank	Company	Defendant Activity Score
1	Samsung Electronics	100.00%
2	Alphabet Inc.	96.84%
3	Amazon, Inc.	96.67%
4	Apple Inc.	96.64%
5	AT&T Company	94.68%
6	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	94.51%
7	Microsoft Corporation	93.63%
8	Verizon	93.40%
9	Walmart	92.83%
10	ASUSTeK Computer Inc.	92.69%
11	LG Electronics	92.58%
12	Cisco Systems	92.32%
13	TCL Corporation	92.22%
14	Deutsche Telekom AG	91.97%
15	Lenovo	91.85%
16	Dell Inc.	91.48%
17	Meta Platforms, Inc.	91.32%
18	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	91.03%
19	Acer Incorporated	89.98%
20	Qualcomm Technologies, Inc.	89.53%
21	Sony Group Corporation	89.52%
22	The Home Depot	89.36%
23	Broadcom	89.28%

Table 2.1 - The 100 Most Active Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Company	Defendant Activity Score
24	NXP Semiconductors	89.26%
25	Toyota Motor	88.81%
26	Fortinet	88.79%
27	Nokia	88.76%
28	Intel Corporation	88.75%
29	Dubull Official Store	88.69%
30	Honeywell International	88.31%
31	Oracle Corporation	88.07%
32	International Business Machines	87.96%
33	Panasonic	87.90%
34	Hyundai	87.89%
35	Comcast	87.87%
36	Ford Motor	87.81%
37	Target Corporation	87.72%
38	Bank of America Corporation	87.41%
39	Tesla, Inc.	87.41%
40	Texas Instruments	87.37%
41	Micron Technology, Inc.	87.28%
42	TP-Link Systems Inc.	87.28%
43	Best Buy Co., Inc.	87.16%
44	MediaTek	87.14%
45	Hisense Group Co., Ltd.	87.08%
46	General Motors Corporation	87.06%
47	Lowe's	87.01%
48	CommScope	86.68%
49	Ericsson	86.28%

Table 2.1 - The 100 Most Active Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Company	Defendant Activity Score
50	Charter Communications	86.20%
51	Bytedance Ltd.	86.05%
52	Western Digital	86.02%
53	Zebra Technologies Corporation	85.86%
54	Roku	85.82%
55	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc	85.80%
56	BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd.	85.78%
57	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	85.77%
58	Mercedes-Benz Group AG	85.71%
59	SunRun Inc.	85.52%
60	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	85.51%
61	Costco Wholesale Corporation	85.20%
62	ZTE USA	85.09%
63	Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.	85.03%
64	Salesforce	84.92%
65	The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	84.87%
66	Xiaomi	84.86%
67	Kia America, Inc.	84.84%
68	General Electric	84.84%
69	Medtronic	84.79%
70	Dish Network	84.78%
71	NVidia	84.75%
72	D-Link Corporation	84.64%
73	Nissan Motor Company, Ltd.	84.58%
74	SharkNinja Operating	84.55%
75	Huawei Technologies	84.51%

Table 2.1 - The 100 Most Active Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Company	Defendant Activity Score
76	HTC Corporation	84.50%
77	Shenzhen Yiyaju Trading Co., Ltd.	84.48%
78	Renesas Electronics Corporation	84.37%
79	Palo Alto Networks	84.37%
80	Siemens AG	84.36%
81	Koninklijke Philips N.V.	84.30%
82	Volvo Car Corporation	84.30%
83	BMW Manufacturing	84.29%
84	Zoho Corporation	84.28%
85	The Walt Disney Company	84.23%
86	Fleet Connect Solutions, LLC	84.23%
87	Walgreens Boots Alliance	84.21%
88	Anker Innovations Co., Ltd.	84.15%
89	Uber Technologies Inc.	84.13%
90	ADT Inc.	84.12%
91	Shen Zhen Shi Ling Ku Dian Zi Shang Wu You Xian Gong Si	84.06%
92	Netgear	84.04%
93	Donna Official Store	83.97%
94	Motive Technologies, Inc.	83.88%
95	U.S. Bancorp	83.87%
96	CVS Health	83.87%
97	Shop911035157 Store	83.85%
98	Garmin Ltd.	83.84%
99	Hitachi, Ltd.	83.83%
100	Zoom Communications, Inc.	83.82%

Table 2.2 - The 100 Most Active Plaintiffs

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Company	Plaintiff Activity Score
1	Cedar Lane Technologies Inc.	96.91%
2	Dyson	94.43%
3	Rothschild Patent Imaging, LLC	93.90%
4	DigitalDoors, Inc.	93.11%
5	OptiMorphix, Inc.	92.80%
6	VDPP LLC	92.62%
7	Key Patent Innovations Limited	92.22%
8	Samsung Electronics	92.22%
9	Patent Armory	91.94%
10	WSOU Investments LLC	91.94%
11	Signify Holding	91.53%
12	Dominion Harbor	91.30%
13	Intellectual Ventures Management, LLC	91.28%
14	Fleet Connect Solutions, LLC	90.81%
15	Deckers Brands	90.69%
16	Honeywell International	89.87%
17	Valtrus Innovations, Ltd.	89.83%
18	Bell Semiconductor, LLC	89.28%
19	Seoul Semiconductor Co. Ltd.	89.28%
20	YETI Coolers	89.14%
21	Hitachi, Ltd.	89.09%
22	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	89.08%
23	Headwater Research LLC	88.71%
24	Flexiworld Technologies	88.55%
25	Redwood Technologies, LLC	88.49%

Table 2.2 - The 100 Most Active Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Company	Plaintiff Activity Score
26	AlmondNet, Inc.	88.48%
27	IOT Innovations LLC	88.45%
28	Alphabet Inc.	88.24%
29	Roche	88.01%
30	Social Positioning Input Systems, LLC	87.96%
31	International Business Machines	87.71%
32	Amgen	87.60%
33	dbest products, Inc.	87.19%
34	CommWorks Solutions, LLC	87.18%
35	Auth Token LLC	87.10%
36	K.Mizra LLC	87.06%
37	Maxlinear	86.93%
38	Malikie Innovations Limited	86.83%
39	BTL Group of Companies	86.75%
40	AbbVie Inc.	86.72%
41	AML IP, LLC	86.67%
42	Digimedia Tech, LLC	86.54%
43	XYZ Corporation	86.52%
44	Quest Patent Research Corporation	86.39%
45	Sovereign Peak Ventures, LLC	86.26%
46	Alto Dynamics, LLC	86.26%
47	Longhorn HD LLC	86.21%
48	AT&T Company	86.11%
49	Longitude Licensing	86.04%
50	Voltstar Technologies Inc.	85.99%

Table 2.2 - The 100 Most Active Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Company	Plaintiff Activity Score
51	Linfo IP, LLC	85.96%
52	Caselas, LLC	85.95%
53	LKQ Corporation	85.87%
54	Synopsys	85.83%
55	IPValue	85.75%
56	MIMO Research, LLC	85.71%
57	Gravel Rating Systems LLC	85.69%
58	Axxess Global Sciences, LLC	85.59%
59	Apogee Lighting	85.57%
60	Traxcell Technologies, LLC	85.56%
61	Ericsson	85.54%
62	Investrex LLC	85.54%
63	Datacloud Technologies	85.44%
64	Halliburton Company	85.43%
65	Gamehancement LLC	85.43%
66	SVV Technology Innovations, Inc.	85.40%
67	BelAir Electronics, Inc.	85.38%
68	S3G Technology LLC	85.32%
69	EssilorLuxottica SA	85.30%
70	Quarterhill Inc.	85.27%
71	Belden Inc.	85.23%
72	Transcend Shipping Systems, LLC	85.17%
73	XR Communications, LLC	85.13%
74	Acuitas Therapeutics Inc.	85.00%
75	Celerity IP, LLC	85.00%

Table 2.2 - The 100 Most Active Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Company	Plaintiff Activity Score
76	Open Text Corporation	84.99%
77	Micron Technology, Inc.	84.96%
78	Hyperice	84.96%
79	Wirelesswerx IP, LLC	84.94%
80	Nokia	84.84%
81	Azuga, Inc.	84.73%
82	Apple Inc.	84.72%
83	Canon Inc.	84.61%
84	Provisur Technologies	84.58%
85	Therabody, Inc.	84.56%
86	CDN Innovations, LLC	84.43%
87	Pantech	84.42%
88	NorthStar Systems LLC	84.40%
89	Omnitek Partners LLC	84.35%
90	Koninklijke Philips N.V.	84.34%
91	AGIS Software Development LLC	84.32%
92	Scramoge Technology Ltd.	84.22%
93	Hisense Group Co., Ltd.	84.22%
94	Longhorn IP LLC	84.13%
95	Shenzhen Yiyaju Trading Co., Ltd.	84.11%
96	Motive Technologies, Inc.	84.08%
97	Voxware, Inc.	84.06%
98	DivX	84.02%
99	Daedalus Prime LLC	84.02%
100	Digital Verification Systems, LLC	84.01%

Table 2.3 - The 100 Most Active Companies Overall (Plaintiffs and Defendants)

Overall Activity Rank	Company	Overall Activity Score
1	Samsung Electronics	99.91%
2	Alphabet Inc.	96.73%
3	Apple Inc.	96.35%
4	Amazon, Inc.	96.29%
5	AT&T Company	94.61%
6	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	94.32%
7	Microsoft Corporation	93.50%
8	Verizon	93.11%
9	ASUSTeK Computer Inc.	92.56%
10	Walmart	92.50%
11	LG Electronics	92.43%
12	Cedar Lane Technologies Inc.	92.09%
13	Cisco Systems	92.08%
14	TCL Corporation	91.93%
15	Lenovo	91.63%
16	Deutsche Telekom AG	91.60%
17	Meta Platforms, Inc.	91.21%
18	Dell Inc.	91.13%
19	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	90.65%
20	Honeywell International	90.20%
21	Acer Incorporated	89.79%
22	Rothschild Patent Imaging, LLC	89.67%
23	Dyson	89.61%
24	Broadcom	89.60%

Table 2.3 - The 100 Most Active Companies Overall (Plaintiffs and Defendants) (continued)

Overall Activity Rank	Company	Overall Activity Score
25	Fleet Connect Solutions, LLC	89.59%
26	Sony Group Corporation	89.54%
27	International Business Machines	89.31%
28	NXP Semiconductors	89.24%
29	Nokia	89.15%
30	Qualcomm Technologies, Inc.	89.14%
31	The Home Depot	88.97%
32	Intel Corporation	88.78%
33	Fortinet	88.74%
34	Patent Armory	88.64%
35	VDPP LLC	88.59%
36	DigitalDoors, Inc.	88.56%
37	Panasonic	88.46%
38	Toyota Motor	88.44%
39	Oracle Corporation	88.32%
40	Dubull Official Store	88.30%
41	Signify Holding	88.06%
42	Micron Technology, Inc.	87.89%
43	Hyundai	87.85%
44	Key Patent Innovations Limited	87.78%
45	Comcast	87.66%
46	CommScope	87.57%
47	Ericsson	87.54%
48	Hisense Group Co., Ltd.	87.47%
49	Ford Motor	87.46%
50	TP-Link Systems Inc.	87.41%

Table 2.3 - The 100 Most Active Companies Overall (Plaintiffs and Defendants) (continued)

Overall Activity Rank	Company	Overall Activity Score
51	WSOU Investments LLC	87.39%
52	Target Corporation	87.36%
53	Hitachi, Ltd.	87.27%
54	OptiMorphix, Inc.	87.27%
55	Tesla, Inc.	87.26%
56	MediaTek	87.26%
57	Intellectual Ventures Management, LLC	87.19%
58	Amgen	87.19%
59	General Motors Corporation	87.10%
60	Bank of America Corporation	87.08%
61	Texas Instruments	87.04%
62	Dominion Harbor	86.82%
63	Best Buy Co., Inc.	86.81%
64	Roche	86.80%
65	Lowe's	86.77%
66	Bell Semiconductor, LLC	86.76%
67	Zebra Technologies Corporation	86.66%
68	Deckers Brands	86.53%
69	Dish Network	86.44%
70	Valtrus Innovations, Ltd.	86.42%
71	Koninklijke Philips N.V.	86.30%
72	Roku	86.21%
73	Shenzhen Yiyaju Trading Co., Ltd.	86.20%
74	Bytedance Ltd.	86.16%
75	Western Digital	86.03%
76	SharkNinja Operating	85.95%

Table 2.3 - The 100 Most Active Companies Overall (Plaintiffs and Defendants) (continued)

Overall Activity Rank	Company	Overall Activity Score
77	Charter Communications	85.93%
78	Seoul Semiconductor Co. Ltd.	85.89%
79	SunRun Inc.	85.84%
80	BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd.	85.78%
81	dbest products, Inc.	85.78%
82	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc	85.68%
83	Canon Inc.	85.62%
84	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	85.58%
85	SAP AG	85.41%
86	Mercedes-Benz Group AG	85.40%
87	General Electric	85.31%
88	BMW Manufacturing	85.31%
89	ZTE USA	85.30%
90	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	85.20%
91	AlmondNet, Inc.	85.19%
92	EssilorLuxottica SA	84.91%
93	Costco Wholesale Corporation	84.89%
94	The Walt Disney Company	84.88%
95	Shen Zhen Shi Ling Ku Dian Zi Shang Wu You Xian Gong Si	84.86%
96	Medtronic	84.77%
97	Hyperice	84.76%
98	The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	84.76%
99	Siemens AG	84.74%
100	Open Text Corporation	84.74%

Best Performing Companies in Patent Litigation Cases

We developed a standardized methodology to evaluate the performance of companies, attorneys, and law firms involved in patent litigation, as described in detail in Section 7. Under this framework, each case outcome is assigned a point value, producing a quantifiable measure of success for each participant. These success measures are then combined with activity levels to calculate the Performance Score, expressed as a weighted and normalized average.

This methodology supports a consistent evaluation of both participation and results across the litigation landscape. The tables below present Performance Scores and rankings for Plaintiffs, Defendants, and Overall (combined) participants.

Based on an analysis of 18,352 District Court patent litigation cases filed between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025, with terminated cases evaluated as of December 1, 2025, Samsung Electronics ranks as the top-performing defendant, recording a performance score of 96.46%. Alphabet Inc. and Amazon, Inc. follow in second and third place, with scores of 95.70% and 95.49%, respectively.

Among plaintiffs, Canon Inc. leads with a performance score of 93.08%, followed by Dyson at 90.26% and EssilorLuxottica SA at 89.28%. When considering overall performance, Canon Inc., Samsung Electronics, and EssilorLuxottica SA rank as the top three companies, with scores of 93.15%, 92.92%, and 92.75%, respectively.

What is the Performance Score?

The Performance Score represents a company’s combined level of activity and litigation outcomes. It is calculated as a weighted average of activity and success scores and is reported on a standardized scale from 0 to 100.

Tables 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6 present the highest-performing companies by category. A complete listing of the top 1,000 companies involved in patent litigation, along with their corresponding activity, success, and performance metrics, is provided in **Appendix B**. The appendix also includes information on the top three law firms representing each company and the number of cases handled during the study period.

Table 2.4 - The 100 Best Performing Defendants

Defendant Performance Rank	Company	Defendant Performance Score
1	Samsung Electronics	96.46%
2	Alphabet Inc.	95.70%
3	Amazon, Inc.	95.49%
4	Apple Inc.	95.47%
5	Verizon	94.71%

Table 2.4 - The 100 Best Performing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Performance Rank	Company	Defendant Performance Score
6	Broadcom	94.70%
7	Lenovo	94.49%
8	Microsoft Corporation	94.12%
9	Meta Platforms, Inc.	94.07%
10	Nokia	93.94%
11	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	93.94%
12	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	93.85%
13	LG Electronics	93.78%
14	Deutsche Telekom AG	93.67%
15	SunRun Inc.	93.49%
16	Cisco Systems	93.29%
17	Dell Inc.	93.28%
18	AT&T Company	93.26%
19	Fortinet	92.99%
20	Qualcomm Technologies, Inc.	92.96%
21	General Motors Corporation	92.95%
22	Walmart	92.81%
23	TCL Corporation	92.77%
24	Toyota Motor	92.73%
25	Sony Group Corporation	92.51%
26	U.S. Bancorp	92.43%
27	Hyundai	92.39%
28	MediaTek	92.38%
29	Ford Motor	92.36%

Table 2.4 - The 100 Best Performing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Performance Rank	Company	Defendant Performance Score
30	Ericsson	92.36%
31	NXP Semiconductors	92.31%
32	Comcast	92.28%
33	Huawei Technologies	92.19%
34	HTC Corporation	92.18%
35	Salesforce	92.16%
36	Charter Communications	92.00%
37	Panasonic	91.98%
38	ASUSTeK Computer Inc.	91.90%
39	The Home Depot	91.48%
40	Intel Corporation	91.42%
41	Hisense Group Co., Ltd.	91.41%
42	Acer Incorporated	91.23%
43	Mercedes-Benz Group AG	91.11%
44	The Walt Disney Company	90.92%
45	Analog Devices	90.88%
46	Bank of America Corporation	90.84%
47	CVS Health	90.82%
48	Lowe's	90.81%
49	Koninklijke Philips N.V.	90.81%
50	Roku	90.77%
51	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc	90.76%
52	F5, Inc.	90.76%
53	Western Digital	90.74%

Table 2.4 - The 100 Best Performing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Performance Rank	Company	Defendant Performance Score
54	Charles Schwab Corporation	90.72%
55	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	90.72%
56	Target Corporation	90.66%
57	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	90.63%
58	Tesla, Inc.	90.59%
59	Oracle Corporation	90.59%
60	Best Buy Co., Inc.	90.46%
61	Seiko Epson Corporation	90.30%
62	Kyocera	90.25%
63	Costco Wholesale Corporation	90.21%
64	International Business Machines	90.20%
65	Texas Instruments	90.19%
66	CommScope	90.17%
67	Dish Network	90.10%
68	Honeywell International	90.07%
69	Micron Technology, Inc.	90.00%
70	ADT Inc.	89.96%
71	Siemens AG	89.95%
72	Renesas Electronics Corporation	89.84%
73	Bytedance Ltd.	89.81%
74	Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc.	89.70%
75	Uber Technologies Inc.	89.56%
76	Garmin Ltd.	89.49%
77	Motive Technologies, Inc.	89.40%

Table 2.4 - The 100 Best Performing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Performance Rank	Company	Defendant Performance Score
78	Wells Fargo	89.39%
79	Volvo Car Corporation	89.28%
80	Zyxel Networks, Inc.	89.25%
81	Zebra Technologies Corporation	89.18%
82	Kia America, Inc.	89.09%
83	ZTE USA	89.08%
84	The Kroger Co.	88.98%
85	Medtronic	88.82%
86	BMW Manufacturing	88.81%
87	Citigroup, Inc.	88.81%
88	Pfizer	88.80%
89	Vista Outdoor	88.76%
90	Lyft Inc.	88.67%
91	VIZIO, Inc.	88.66%
92	Xiaomi	88.58%
93	Adobe Inc.	88.49%
94	Truist Financial Corporation	88.45%
95	Zoho Corporation	88.43%
96	Cox Enterprises	88.43%
97	Zoom Communications, Inc.	88.38%
98	Snap Inc.	88.38%
99	Canon Inc.	88.37%
100	Stellantis N.V.	88.34%

Table 2.5 - The 100 Best Performing Plaintiffs

Plaintiff Performance Rank	Company	Plaintiff Performance Score
1	Canon Inc.	93.08%
2	Dyson	90.26%
3	EssilorLuxottica SA	89.28%
4	Deckers Brands	88.79%
5	Whirlpool	87.35%
6	AML IP, LLC	87.04%
7	BTL Group of Companies	86.90%
8	Chubby Gorilla, Inc.	85.93%
9	Seiko Epson Corporation	85.73%
10	Cedar Lane Technologies Inc.	85.41%
11	OptiMorphix, Inc.	85.30%
12	Bayer Corporation	85.22%
13	Signify Holding	85.19%
14	Alphabet Inc.	85.15%
15	American Patents LLC	84.43%
16	DigitalDoors, Inc.	84.34%
17	Fleet Connect Solutions, LLC	84.30%
18	National Products, Inc.	84.10%
19	YETI Coolers	84.03%
20	Samsung Electronics	84.01%
21	SVV Technology Innovations, Inc.	83.89%
22	Amgen	83.88%
23	Seoul Semiconductor Co. Ltd.	83.84%
24	Key Patent Innovations Limited	83.79%
25	Therabody, Inc.	83.73%

Table 2.5 - The 100 Best Performing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Performance Rank	Company	Plaintiff Performance Score
26	WSOU Investments LLC	83.68%
27	Halliburton Company	83.64%
28	Rothschild Patent Imaging, LLC	83.62%
29	Shenzhen Kaiwensi Electronic Commerce Co., Ltd.	83.57%
30	Dominion Harbor	83.53%
31	Honeywell International	83.53%
32	Patent Armory	83.51%
33	International Business Machines	83.36%
34	Netlist	83.36%
35	Roche	83.33%
36	ACQIS LLC	83.23%
37	Pantech	83.11%
38	AlmondNet, Inc.	83.08%
39	IOT Innovations LLC	83.08%
40	Ravgen, Inc.	83.06%
41	Shenzhen Jisu Technology Co., Ltd.	83.03%
42	LKQ Corporation	83.02%
43	Longhorn IP LLC	83.01%
44	Malikie Innovations Limited	82.96%
45	Valtrus Innovations, Ltd.	82.96%
46	United Services Automobile Association	82.94%
47	Maxlinear	82.93%
48	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals	82.88%
49	JFXD TRX ACQ LLC	82.84%
50	Synopsys	82.82%

Table 2.5 - The 100 Best Performing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Performance Rank	Company	Plaintiff Performance Score
51	BelAir Electronics, Inc.	82.80%
52	Open Text Corporation	82.71%
53	Apple Inc.	82.67%
54	MCP IP, LLC	82.64%
55	The NOCO Company	82.63%
56	Azuga, Inc.	82.60%
57	Celerity IP, LLC	82.58%
58	Hitachi, Ltd.	82.47%
59	Intellectual Ventures Management, LLC	82.42%
60	AbbVie Inc.	82.36%
61	Skechers USA	82.35%
63	Quarterhill Inc.	82.31%
64	Longitude Licensing	82.29%
65	Redwood Technologies, LLC	82.28%
66	Vetstem Biopharma Inc.	82.16%
67	Nokia	82.13%
68	Trane	82.13%
69	Micron Technology, Inc.	82.11%
70	Hyperice	82.07%
71	Hydrafacial LLC	82.06%
72	Koninklijke Philips N.V.	82.04%
73	Shibumi Shade, Inc.	82.04%
74	CAO Group	82.02%
75	Voxware, Inc.	82.00%
76	Trove Brands, LLC	81.98%

Table 2.5 - The 100 Best Performing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Performance Rank	Company	Plaintiff Performance Score
77	Acuitas Therapeutics Inc.	81.98%
78	Johnson Controls	81.93%
79	KPN	81.92%
80	Gavrieli Brands LLC	81.86%
81	Hisense Group Co., Ltd.	81.81%
82	MIMO Research, LLC	81.76%
83	Karmagreen, LLC	81.73%
84	Voltstar Technologies Inc.	81.69%
85	Microsoft Corporation	81.69%
86	10X Genomics	81.66%
87	Centripetal Networks Inc.	81.64%
88	Broadcom	81.63%
89	Ep Family Corp.	81.62%
90	XYZ Corporation	81.62%
91	VideoLabs, Inc.	81.61%
92	Unicorn Global, Inc.	81.58%
93	AT&T Company	81.58%
94	S3G Technology LLC	81.54%
95	Preservation Wellness Technologies LLC	81.54%
96	Impinj, Inc.	81.53%
97	Digimedia Tech, LLC	81.52%
98	CommWorks Solutions, LLC	81.48%
99	SharkNinja Operating	81.47%
100	Becton Dickinson and Company	81.47%

Table 2.6 - The 100 Best Performing Companies Overall (Plaintiffs and Defendants)

Overall Performance Rank	Company	Overall Performance Score
1	Canon Inc.	93.15%
2	Samsung Electronics	92.92%
3	EssilorLuxottica SA	92.75%
4	Alphabet Inc.	92.49%
5	Apple Inc.	92.06%
6	Amazon, Inc.	91.86%
7	Broadcom	91.13%
8	Seiko Epson Corporation	91.00%
9	Whirlpool	90.83%
10	Microsoft Corporation	90.79%
11	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	90.68%
12	Dyson	90.68%
13	Verizon	90.67%
14	Lenovo	90.67%
15	LG Electronics	90.20%
16	Deckers Brands	90.13%
17	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	89.93%
18	Dell Inc.	89.83%
19	AT&T Company	89.82%
20	Deutsche Telekom AG	89.72%
21	Meta Platforms, Inc.	89.68%
22	Walmart	89.63%
23	Cisco Systems	89.61%
24	Nokia	89.47%

Table 2.6 - The 100 Best Performing Companies Overall (Plaintiffs and Defendants) (continued)

Overall Performance Rank	Company	Overall Performance Score
25	TCL Corporation	89.44%
26	Fortinet	89.37%
27	Qualcomm Technologies, Inc.	89.35%
28	AML IP, LLC	89.25%
29	General Motors Corporation	89.25%
30	SunRun Inc.	89.25%
31	Toyota Motor	89.11%
32	ASUSTeK Computer Inc.	89.05%
33	BTL Group of Companies	88.75%
34	Ford Motor	88.72%
35	Hyundai	88.49%
36	Comcast	88.45%
37	Sony Group Corporation	88.44%
38	NXP Semiconductors	88.43%
39	U.S. Bancorp	88.35%
40	Salesforce	88.27%
41	Charter Communications	88.26%
42	Huawei Technologies	88.25%
43	The Home Depot	88.22%
44	Panasonic	88.08%
45	Hisense Group Co., Ltd.	88.03%
46	Bayer Corporation	88.00%
47	MediaTek	87.95%
48	HTC Corporation	87.86%
49	Intel Corporation	87.76%
50	Roku	87.70%

Table 2.6 - The 100 Best Performing Companies Overall (Plaintiffs and Defendants) (continued)

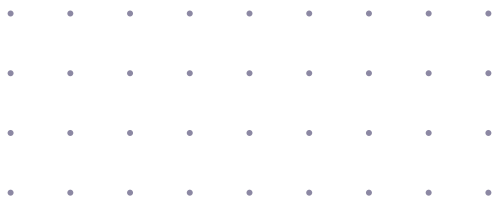
Overall Performance Rank	Company	Overall Performance Score
51	The Walt Disney Company	87.69%
52	Chubby Gorilla, Inc.	87.68%
53	Mercedes-Benz Group AG	87.56%
54	Bank of America Corporation	87.54%
55	Lowe's	87.52%
56	Koninklijke Philips N.V.	87.45%
57	Target Corporation	87.43%
58	International Business Machines	87.41%
59	Acer Incorporated	87.38%
60	Best Buy Co., Inc.	87.23%
61	CommScope	87.22%
62	Ericsson	87.21%
63	Tesla, Inc.	87.19%
64	Honda Motor Co., Ltd.	87.18%
65	CVS Health	87.15%
66	Kyocera	87.12%
67	Analog Devices	87.12%
68	Siemens AG	87.11%
69	Charles Schwab Corporation	87.10%
70	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc	87.08%
71	Micron Technology, Inc.	87.06%
72	Vista Outdoor	87.05%
73	Texas Instruments	87.05%
74	National Products, Inc.	87.01%
75	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	87.01%
76	F5, Inc.	86.97%

Table 2.6 - The 100 Best Performing Companies Overall (Plaintiffs and Defendants) (continued)

Overall Performance Rank	Company	Overall Performance Score
77	Honeywell International	86.93%
78	Zebra Technologies Corporation	86.92%
79	American Patents LLC	86.86%
80	Costco Wholesale Corporation	86.83%
81	Signify Holding	86.78%
82	Lyft Inc.	86.72%
83	Dish Network	86.67%
84	Amgen	86.60%
85	Open Text Corporation	86.54%
86	Shenzhen Kaiwensi Electronic Commerce Co., Ltd.	86.44%
87	Renesas Electronics Corporation	86.37%
88	Pfizer	86.37%
89	ADT Inc.	86.36%
90	Bytedance Ltd.	86.28%
91	Uber Technologies Inc.	86.23%
92	United Services Automobile Association	86.23%
93	Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc.	86.21%
94	ZTE USA	86.21%
95	Garmin Ltd.	86.15%
96	Wells Fargo	86.06%
97	Volvo Car Corporation	86.04%
98	Netlist	86.00%
99	Medtronic	86.00%
100	Kia America, Inc.	85.97%

Section 03

**Law Firm
Performance.**



Law Firm Performance.

This section evaluates law firms based on their activity and performance in U.S. patent litigation. It presents rankings of the top 100 law firms by activity and performance, along with their corresponding scores and positions. All rankings are calculated using the methodology described in Section 7.

For a broader view, **Appendix C** provides rankings for the top 1,000 law firms involved in patent litigation during the study period. These expanded rankings are organized by role, including representation of plaintiffs, defendants, and overall participation. The appendix also identifies each firm's top three clients and reports the number of cases handled for each client.

Cases are attributed to law firms based on attorney participation. When an attorney

appears on a PACER docket or in case-related filings, the case is assigned to the firm where the attorney was employed at the time of the filing. If the attorney later moves to a different firm, subsequent filings result in the case being attributed to the new firm. To improve attribution accuracy, natural language processing techniques were applied, and publicly announced law firm mergers were taken into account.

Additional validation is performed through direct outreach to identified attorneys, who are provided with a unique link to review and verify their case history. Attorneys may also claim their profiles on Patexia and submit updates where appropriate. While refinements continue, this approach provides a consistent and reliable assessment of law firm activity and performance in patent litigation.

Most Active Law Firms in Patent Litigation Cases

A total of 3,047 law firms were involved in representing plaintiffs or defendants across the 18,352 patent litigation cases analyzed, excluding firms serving as local counsel. Of these, 2,049 firms represented plaintiffs, while 2,025 firms represented defendants, with some firms appearing on both sides in different cases. The analysis shows that a relatively small number of firms handled a significant portion of the cases. Some operated independently, while others worked alongside local counsel, particularly in high-volume jurisdictions such as Texas, Delaware, and California. For clarity, local counsel has been separately categorized for further analysis.

Fish & Richardson ranks as the most active patent litigation firm overall, handling 1,146

cases involving 2,051 unique patents and achieving an activity score of 98.83%. DLA Piper follows in second place with a score of 95.40%, while Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan ranks third at 95.28%.

From July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2025, **Rabicoff Law** was the most active firm representing plaintiffs in patent litigation. During this period, the firm handled 1,553 cases covering 310 unique patents, achieving a Plaintiff Activity Score of 98.70%.

Among firms representing defendants, Fish & Richardson retains the lead, participating in 1,041 cases covering 1,697 unique patents. DLA Piper ranks second with an activity

score of 96.31%, followed by Perkins Coie in third place at 95.60%.

On the plaintiff side, Rabicoff Law is the most active, filing 1,553 cases involving 310 unique patents and achieving an activity score of 98.70%. GH IP Law ranks second at 96.67%,

while Ramey LLP holds third place with a score of 96.54%.

Tables 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 provide a concise summary of the top 100 most active law firms representing defendants, plaintiffs, and over-all participants in patent cases, respectively.

Table 3.1 - The 100 Most Active Law Firms Representing Defendants

Defendant Activity Rank	Law Firm	Defendant Activity Score
1	Fish & Richardson	100.00%
2	DLA Piper	96.31%
3	Perkins Coie	95.60%
4	Winston & Strawn	95.37%
5	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	95.18%
6	Baker Botts LLP	94.48%
7	Alston & Bird	94.31%
8	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	93.66%
9	Morrison & Foerster	93.50%
10	Duane Morris LLP	93.48%
11	Greenberg Traurig LLP	93.09%
12	Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner	92.95%
13	Sheppard Mullin	92.50%
14	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	92.36%
15	Kirkland & Ellis	92.30%
16	Jones Day	92.01%
17	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	91.93%
18	Norton Rose Fulbright	91.88%
19	Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr	91.75%
20	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	91.50%

Table 3.1 - The 100 Most Active Law Firms Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Law Firm	Defendant Activity Score
21	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	91.31%
22	Foley & Lardner LLP	91.24%
23	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	91.22%
24	Paul Hastings	91.08%
25	Cooley LLP	90.81%
26	Holland & Knight	90.54%
27	Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	90.26%
28	Jackson Walker LLP	90.07%
29	Fenwick & West LLP	89.98%
30	Latham & Watkins	89.92%
31	Barnes & Thornburg LLP	89.80%
32	Desmarais LLP	89.74%
33	Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath	89.67%
34	Troutman Pepper Locke LLP	89.65%
35	Ropes & Gray LLP	89.50%
36	K&L Gates	89.20%
37	Goodwin Procter LLP	88.97%
38	McDermott Will & Schulte	88.83%
39	McKool Smith	88.80%
40	Venable	88.80%
41	King & Spalding	88.63%
42	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	88.53%
43	Knobbe Martens	88.50%
44	Womble Bond Dickinson	88.45%
45	Merchant & Gould	88.41%
46	Fox Rothschild	88.23%
47	Jenner & Block	88.10%

Table 3.1 - The 100 Most Active Law Firms Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Law Firm	Defendant Activity Score
48	AU LLC	88.09%
49	Crowell & Moring	87.99%
50	Benesch	87.65%
51	McGuireWoods	87.62%
52	Erise IP	87.55%
53	A&O Shearman	87.47%
54	Ni Wang & Massand	87.42%
55	Slayden Grubert Beard	87.34%
56	Haynes and Boone, LLP	87.33%
57	Covington & Burling LLP	87.26%
58	Kelly Hart & Hallman	87.25%
59	Baker & Hostetler LLP	87.24%
60	Shook, Hardy & Bacon	87.13%
61	Polsinelli	87.08%
62	White & Case	87.05%
63	Sidley Austin	86.95%
64	Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP	86.89%
65	Turner Boyd Seraphine	86.82%
66	Kelley Drye & Warren	86.82%
67	Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP	86.80%
68	Hogan Lovells	86.76%
69	Reed Smith	86.70%
70	Blank Rome LLP	86.68%
71	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	86.65%
72	Willkie Farr & Gallagher	86.61%
73	Mayer Brown	86.57%
74	Dentons	86.55%

Table 3.1 - The 100 Most Active Law Firms Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Law Firm	Defendant Activity Score
75	Marshall Gerstein & Borun	86.44%
76	Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks	86.34%
77	Husch Blackwell LLP	86.31%
78	Keker, Van Nest & Peters LLP	86.29%
79	Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox	86.25%
80	Rimon, P.C.	86.25%
81	Farella Braun + Martel	86.20%
82	Klarquist Sparkman	86.10%
83	Williams & Connolly	86.01%
84	Maschoff Brennan Gilmore Israelsen & Mauriel LLP	85.95%
85	Step toe LLP	85.95%
86	Findlay Craft	85.90%
87	Brooks Kushman	85.87%
88	Munck Wilson Mandala	85.77%
89	Quarles & Brady	85.64%
90	Dorsey & Whitney LLP	85.59%
91	Glacier Law LLP	85.55%
92	The Law Offices of James Liu, PLLC	85.51%
93	Maier & Maier	85.49%
94	Armstrong Teasdale	85.44%
95	Nixon Peabody	85.27%
96	Munger Tolles & Olson	85.25%
97	Bradley Arant Boult Cummings	85.02%
98	Hilgers PLLC	85.01%
99	Shelton Coburn LLP	85.00%
100	Gish PLLC	84.98%

Table 3.2 - The 100 Most Active Law Firms Representing Plaintiffs

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Law Firm	Plaintiff Activity Score
1	Rabicoff Law	98.70%
2	GHIP Law	96.67%
3	Ramey LLP	96.54%
4	McKool Smith	96.17%
5	Russ August & Kabat	95.85%
6	Fabricant LLP	95.70%
7	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	95.50%
8	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	94.82%
9	The Mort Law Firm, PLLC	94.64%
10	Devlin Law Firm	93.91%
11	DNL Zito	93.87%
12	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	93.66%
13	Fish & Richardson	93.45%
14	Ni Wang & Massand	92.83%
15	Direction IP Law	92.46%
16	Sand, Sebolt & Wernow LPA	92.40%
17	Susman Godfrey	92.31%
18	Daignault Iyer LLP	92.28%
19	Kent & Risley	91.95%
20	Baker & Hostetler LLP	91.93%
21	Stamoulis & Weinblatt	91.79%
22	Perkins Coie	91.54%
23	Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner	91.53%
24	Latham & Watkins	91.40%

Table 3.2 - The 100 Most Active Law Firms Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Law Firm	Plaintiff Activity Score
25	Greenberg Traurig LLP	91.08%
26	Kirkland & Ellis	91.08%
27	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	91.05%
28	Bunsow De Mory	91.04%
29	Alston & Bird	91.04%
30	BC Law Group, P.C.	91.02%
31	Mayer Brown	90.81%
32	K&L Gates	90.68%
33	Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	90.68%
34	Foley & Lardner LLP	90.52%
35	Baker Botts LLP	90.24%
36	Irell & Manella LLP	90.13%
37	McDermott Will & Schulte	90.05%
38	Knobbe Martens	90.03%
39	DLA Piper	90.01%
40	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	89.94%
41	Dickinson Wright PLLC	89.81%
42	DiNovo Price	89.61%
43	Winston & Strawn	89.55%
44	Rubino IP	89.47%
45	Jones Day	89.44%
46	Morrison & Foerster	89.29%
47	Garibian Law Offices	89.22%
48	Patton Tidwell & Culbertson LLP	89.15%
49	Spencer Fane	89.13%

Table 3.2 - The 100 Most Active Law Firms Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Law Firm	Plaintiff Activity Score
50	Kasowitz LLP	89.12%
51	Cherry Johnson Siegmund James, PLLC	89.11%
52	Kramer Alberti Lim & Tonkovich LLP	88.94%
53	Venable	88.93%
54	Glacier Law LLP	88.81%
55	Berger & Hipskind LLP	88.73%
56	Prince Lobel Tye LLP	88.73%
57	King & Spalding	88.64%
58	Robins Kaplan LLP	88.46%
59	Carter Arnett PLLC	88.40%
60	Womble Bond Dickinson	88.38%
61	Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.	88.36%
62	Nixon Peabody	88.25%
63	Antonelli Harrington & Thompson	88.20%
64	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	88.02%
65	Brown Rudnick LLP	87.98%
66	Banner Witcoff	87.96%
67	Caldwell Cassady & Curry	87.92%
68	Husch Blackwell LLP	87.87%
69	SML Avvocati P.C.	87.85%
70	Rimon, P.C.	87.79%
71	Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LLP	87.75%
72	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	87.75%
73	Global IP Law Group	87.73%
74	Folio Law Group PLLC	87.62%
75	Barnes & Thornburg LLP	87.61%

Table 3.2 - The 100 Most Active Law Firms Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Law Firm	Plaintiff Activity Score
76	Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr	87.60%
77	Kelley Drye & Warren	87.55%
78	Boies Schiller Flexner LLP	87.54%
79	Desmarais LLP	87.48%
80	Fox Rothschild	87.47%
81	Davis Firm P.C.	87.45%
82	Duane Morris LLP	87.33%
83	Bochner PLLC	87.28%
84	Dorsey & Whitney LLP	87.12%
85	Troutman Pepper Locke LLP	87.07%
86	Williams Simons & Landis PLLC	87.01%
87	Barclay Damon	86.89%
88	Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	86.83%
89	Harness IP	86.80%
90	Steptoe LLP	86.79%
91	Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox	86.77%
92	Ahmad, Zavitsanos & Mensing	86.75%
93	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	86.66%
94	Heninger Garrison Davis	86.58%
95	McAndrews, Held & Malloy	86.53%
96	Mann Law Group	86.48%
97	Potter Anderson & Corroon	86.46%
98	Merchant & Gould	86.46%
99	Bragalone Olejko Saad PC	86.40%
100	Skiermont Derby	86.38%

Table 3.3 - The 100 Most Active Law Firms Overall (Representing Defendants or Plaintiffs)

Overall Activity Rank	Law Firm	Overall Activity Score
1	Fish & Richardson	98.83%
2	DLA Piper	95.40%
3	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	95.28%
4	Perkins Coie	95.07%
5	Rabicoff Law	95.05%
6	Winston & Strawn	94.58%
7	Alston & Bird	94.02%
8	Baker Botts LLP	93.96%
9	McKool Smith	93.64%
10	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	93.30%
11	Greenberg Traurig LLP	93.23%
12	Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner	93.17%
13	Ramey LLP	93.12%
14	Morrison & Foerster	93.08%
15	GH IP Law	92.98%
16	Duane Morris LLP	92.70%
17	Kirkland & Ellis	92.65%
18	Russ August & Kabat	92.41%
19	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	92.35%
20	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	92.22%
21	Fabricant LLP	92.15%
22	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	92.06%
23	Jones Day	92.06%
24	Foley & Lardner LLP	91.81%

Table 3.3 - The 100 Most Active Law Firms Overall (Representing Defendants or Plaintiffs) (continued)

Overall Activity Rank	Law Firm	Overall Activity Score
25	Sheppard Mullin	91.67%
26	Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr	91.50%
27	Latham & Watkins	91.34%
28	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	91.24%
29	Ni Wang & Massand	91.21%
30	Norton Rose Fulbright	91.16%
31	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	91.06%
32	The Mort Law Firm, PLLC	91.00%
33	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	90.94%
34	Devlin Law Firm	90.92%
35	Baker & Hostetler LLP	90.75%
36	K&L Gates	90.75%
37	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	90.69%
38	DNL Zito	90.69%
39	Paul Hastings	90.64%
40	Cooley LLP	90.47%
41	McDermott Will & Schulte	90.33%
42	Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	90.30%
43	Barnes & Thornburg LLP	90.12%
44	Holland & Knight	90.09%
45	Knobbe Martens	90.08%
46	Desmarais LLP	89.97%
47	Direction IP Law	89.97%
48	Jackson Walker LLP	89.93%
49	Susman Godfrey	89.92%
50	Troutman Pepper Locke LLP	89.83%

Table 3.3 - The 100 Most Active Law Firms Overall (Representing Defendants or Plaintiffs) (continued)

Overall Activity Rank	Law Firm	Overall Activity Score
51	Venable	89.83%
52	Fenwick & West LLP	89.80%
53	King & Spalding	89.71%
54	Ropes & Gray LLP	89.62%
55	Womble Bond Dickinson	89.54%
56	Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath	89.53%
57	Mayer Brown	89.44%
58	Stamoulis & Weinblatt	89.42%
59	Sand, Sebolt & Wernow LPA	89.35%
60	Goodwin Procter LLP	89.25%
61	Daignault Iyer LLP	89.19%
62	Kent & Risley	89.18%
63	Fox Rothschild	89.06%
64	Merchant & Gould	88.93%
65	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	88.84%
66	Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	88.73%
67	Dickinson Wright PLLC	88.54%
68	Glacier Law LLP	88.46%
69	Irell & Manella LLP	88.38%
70	Husch Blackwell LLP	88.36%
71	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	88.31%
72	Rimon, P.C.	88.14%
73	BC Law Group, P.C.	88.14%
74	Crowell & Moring	88.14%
75	Kelley Drye & Warren	88.11%

Table 3.3 - The 100 Most Active Law Firms Overall (Representing Defendants or Plaintiffs) (continued)

Overall Activity Rank	Law Firm	Overall Activity Score
76	Bunsow De Mory	88.08%
77	Spencer Fane	87.85%
78	Sidley Austin	87.84%
79	Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox	87.78%
80	Nixon Peabody	87.76%
81	Jenner & Block	87.75%
82	Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.	87.69%
83	Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP	87.68%
84	Haynes and Boone, LLP	87.67%
85	Shook, Hardy & Bacon	87.65%
86	A&O Shearman	87.64%
87	Dorsey & Whitney LLP	87.56%
88	Polsinelli	87.53%
89	McGuireWoods	87.48%
90	Steptoe LLP	87.48%
91	White & Case	87.47%
92	Cherry Johnson Siegmund James, PLLC	87.43%
93	Benesch	87.35%
94	Williams & Connolly	87.32%
95	Covington & Burling LLP	87.32%
96	Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks	87.29%
97	Blank Rome LLP	87.23%
98	AU LLC	87.19%
99	Banner Witcoff	87.15%
100	Maschoff Brennan Gilmore Israelsen & Mauriel LLP	87.04%

Best-Performing Law Firms in Patent Litigation

In addition to evaluating activity, this analysis identifies law firms that demonstrated strong performance in representing their clients. Performance scores were calculated using the methodology described in Section 7. Success rates, or “win” percentages, were based on the success scores of all scorable, terminated cases, as detailed in Section 7 and **Table 7.2**. These success measures were then combined with activity levels to compute Performance Scores as weighted averages, following the same approach applied to companies. Firms were ranked according to these performance scores.

It should be noted that success and performance scores, as well as the resulting rankings, include only firms involved in at least one terminated patent case during the study period (July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2025), as of the latest update on December 1, 2025. Cases without recorded outcomes were excluded from scoring. In contrast, activity rankings cover all firms and attorneys with any patent case activity, regardless of case termination status. Consequently, some firms or attorneys appearing in activity rankings may not be represented in the performance rankings. The tables below present the top 100 best-performing law firms, highlighting their Performance Scores and rankings.

Venable ranks as the top-performing law firm overall, with a Performance Score of

94.92%, and also leads the plaintiff category at 94.47%. Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan holds the second position overall with a score of 93.54%, followed by Morrison & Foerster in third place at 93.36%.

In the plaintiff category, Venable is first, followed by Irell & Manella LLP at 91.33% and Morgan Lewis & Bockius at 90.80%.

Among defendants, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan ranks first with a performance score of 97.59%, followed by Winston & Strawn at 94.09%, and Morrison & Foerster in third place at 93.71%.

Did you Know?

Leading the overall rankings, **Venable** also tops the plaintiff category, recording performance scores of 94.92% and 94.47%, respectively.

Among defendant representation, **Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan** ranks highest, achieving a performance score of 97.59%.

Appendix C provides a comprehensive analysis of the activity and performance of the top 1,000 law firms, including details on the top three clients for each firm. Tables 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6 present concise summaries of the best-performing law firms in representing defendants, plaintiffs, and overall participants, respectively.

Table 3.4 - The Best Performing Law Firms Representing Defendants

Defendant Performance Rank	Law Firm	Defendant Performance Score
1	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	97.59%
2	Winston & Strawn	94.09%
3	Morrison & Foerster	93.71%
4	Alston & Bird	93.38%
5	Baker Botts LLP	93.38%
6	Perkins Coie	93.35%
7	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	92.48%
8	Greenberg Traurig LLP	92.39%
9	DLA Piper	92.01%
10	Sheppard Mullin	90.48%
11	Norton Rose Fulbright	90.45%
12	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	89.94%
13	Fish & Richardson	89.62%
14	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	89.61%
15	Kirkland & Ellis	89.37%
16	King & Spalding	89.15%
17	Duane Morris LLP	88.87%
18	Latham & Watkins	88.80%
19	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	88.51%
20	Foley & Lardner LLP	88.45%
21	Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner	88.28%
22	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	88.17%
23	Holland & Knight	88.01%
24	Fenwick & West LLP	87.91%

Table 3.4 - The Best Performing Law Firms Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Performance Rank	Law Firm	Defendant Performance Score
25	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	87.87%
26	Venable	87.46%
27	Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr	87.36%
28	K&L Gates	87.13%
29	Paul Hastings	86.79%
30	Barnes & Thornburg LLP	86.79%
31	Farella Braun + Martel	86.64%
32	Jenner & Block	86.61%
33	Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	86.30%
34	Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath	86.13%
35	Desmarais LLP	86.00%
36	Cooley LLP	85.92%
37	Dorsey & Whitney LLP	85.84%
38	McGuireWoods	85.77%
39	Jones Day	85.45%
40	Haynes and Boone, LLP	85.36%
41	Kelly Hart & Hallman	85.34%
42	Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP	85.19%
43	Crowell & Moring	85.11%
44	Womble Bond Dickinson	84.84%
45	Troutman Pepper Locke LLP	84.82%
46	Knobbe Martens	84.69%
47	Jackson Walker LLP	84.66%
48	McDermott Will & Schulte	84.60%
49	Bradley Arant Boult Cummings	84.40%

Table 3.4 - The Best Performing Law Firms Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Performance Rank	Law Firm	Defendant Performance Score
50	Hogan Lovells	84.40%
51	Quarles & Brady	84.31%
52	Merchant & Gould	84.26%
53	White & Case	84.10%
54	Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox	83.97%
55	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	83.95%
56	Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP	83.88%
57	McKool Smith	83.83%
58	Covington & Burling LLP	83.73%
59	Irell & Manella LLP	83.71%
60	Marshall Gerstein & Borun	83.66%
61	Stephoe LLP	83.57%
62	Brooks Kushman	83.57%
63	A&O Shearman	83.57%
64	Willkie Farr & Gallagher	83.55%
65	Keker, Van Nest & Peters LLP	83.53%
66	Ropes & Gray LLP	83.51%
67	Goodwin Procter LLP	83.48%
68	Fox Rothschild	83.48%
69	Klarquist Sparkman	83.34%
70	Mayer Brown	83.33%
71	Slayden Grubert Beard	83.26%
72	Turner Boyd Seraphine	83.22%
73	Baker & Hostetler LLP	83.19%
74	Armstrong Teasdale	83.07%
75	Hunton Andrews Kurth	83.05%

Table 3.4 - The Best Performing Law Firms Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Performance Rank	Law Firm	Defendant Performance Score
76	Kelley Drye & Warren	83.03%
77	Benesch	82.96%
78	Shook, Hardy & Bacon	82.95%
79	Sidley Austin	82.79%
80	Dentons	82.78%
81	Patterson + Sheridan	82.77%
82	Polsinelli	82.73%
83	Honigman	82.70%
84	Hilgers PLLC	82.60%
85	Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP	82.58%
86	Spencer Fane	82.56%
87	Ballard Spahr	82.48%
88	Carlson Caspers Vandenburg & Lindquist, PA.	82.43%
89	The Webb Law Firm	82.42%
90	Charhon Callahan Robson & Garza	82.40%
91	Williams & Connolly	82.39%
92	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	82.27%
93	Blank Rome LLP	82.20%
94	Vinson & Elkins	82.20%
95	Leydig, Voit & Mayer	82.20%
96	Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	82.18%
97	Marton Ribera Schumann & Chang	82.14%
98	Walker Stevens Cannom LLP	82.12%
99	Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks	82.04%
100	Erise IP	82.03%

Table 3.5 - The Best Performing Law Firms Representing Plaintiffs

Plaintiff Performance Rank	Law Firm	Plaintiff Performance Score
1	Venable	94.47%
2	Irell & Manella LLP	91.33%
3	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	90.80%
4	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	90.71%
5	Ni Wang & Massand	90.26%
6	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	90.02%
7	Baker & Hostetler LLP	89.98%
8	Kirkland & Ellis	89.96%
9	Alston & Bird	89.68%
10	Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	89.63%
11	Keener & Associates PC	89.47%
12	Latham & Watkins	89.34%
13	Dickinson Wright PLLC	89.33%
14	Baker Botts LLP	89.32%
15	Knobbe Martens	89.29%
16	Mayer Brown	89.27%
17	Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner	89.20%
18	Banner Witcoff	89.15%
19	Morrison & Foerster	89.04%
20	Perkins Coie	88.85%
21	Greenberg Traurig LLP	88.81%
22	Workman Nydegger	88.69%
23	YK Law LLP	88.65%
24	Robins Kaplan LLP	88.62%

Table 3.5 - The Best Performing Law Firms Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Performance Rank	Law Firm	Plaintiff Performance Score
25	Dorsey & Whitney LLP	88.61%
26	Caldwell Cassady & Curry	88.52%
27	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	88.48%
28	Foley & Lardner LLP	88.48%
29	Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox	88.38%
30	Desmarais LLP	88.38%
31	DiNovo Price	88.34%
32	Womble Bond Dickinson	88.33%
33	Susman Godfrey	88.29%
34	Patton Tidwell & Culbertson LLP	88.20%
35	Nyemaster Goode	88.19%
36	Spencer Fane	88.15%
37	Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr	88.13%
38	Glacier Law LLP	88.09%
39	King & Spalding	88.06%
40	Harness IP	88.03%
41	Fox Rothschild	88.00%
42	McDermott Will & Schulte	87.98%
43	Global IP Law Group	87.91%
44	Flener IP & Business Law	87.86%
45	DLA Piper	87.82%
46	Kelley Drye & Warren	87.81%
47	Jones Day	87.76%
48	Daignault Iyer LLP	87.76%
49	Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	87.74%
50	Getech Law LLC	87.74%

Table 3.5 - The Best Performing Law Firms Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Performance Rank	Law Firm	Plaintiff Performance Score
51	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	87.74%
52	DeWitty & Associates	87.70%
53	Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.	87.69%
54	Fish & Richardson	87.68%
55	Steptoe LLP	87.67%
56	K&L Gates	87.65%
57	Cooley LLP	87.62%
58	Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP	87.56%
59	FERENCE & ASSOCIATES	87.52%
60	Duane Morris LLP	87.32%
61	Boies Schiller Flexner LLP	87.31%
62	BC Law Group, P.C.	87.29%
63	McAndrews, Held & Malloy	87.28%
64	Bochner PLLC	87.26%
65	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	87.20%
66	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	87.16%
67	The Law Offices Of Konrad Sherinian	87.15%
68	Barclay Damon	87.15%
69	Irwin IP	87.14%
70	Carter Arnett PLLC	87.13%
71	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	87.13%
72	Davis Firm P.C.	87.13%
73	Winston & Strawn	87.10%
74	GH IP Law	87.09%
75	Haynes and Boone, LLP	87.09%
76	Jackson Walker LLP	87.07%

Table 3.5 - The Best Performing Law Firms Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Performance Rank	Law Firm	Plaintiff Performance Score
77	Katz PLLC	87.06%
78	Carlson Caspers Vandenburg & Lindquist, PA.	87.05%
79	Potter Anderson & Corroon	87.04%
80	Allen, Dyer, Doppelt, & Gilchrist, P.A.	87.04%
81	Winstead	87.03%
82	Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LLP	87.01%
83	Holland & Knight	86.99%
84	Paul Hastings	86.98%
85	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	86.93%
86	Folio Law Group PLLC	86.93%
87	Radulescu LLP	86.93%
88	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	86.93%
89	Kasowitz LLP	86.92%
90	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	86.90%
91	Honigman	86.88%
92	Perilla Knox & Hildebrandt LLP	86.87%
93	Cherry Johnson Siegmund James, PLLC	86.87%
94	Kramer Alberti Lim & Tonkovich LLP	86.86%
95	Barnes & Thornburg LLP	86.85%
96	Rimon, P.C.	86.82%
97	Nixon Peabody	86.82%
98	Troutman Pepper Locke LLP	86.82%
99	Goodwin Procter LLP	86.79%
100	Husch Blackwell LLP	86.79%

Table 3.6 - The Best Performing Law Firms Overall (Representing Defendants or Plaintiffs)

Overall Performance Rank	Law Firm	Overall Performance Score
1	Venable	94.92%
2	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	93.54%
3	Morrison & Foerster	93.36%
4	Alston & Bird	92.73%
5	Baker Botts LLP	92.68%
6	Perkins Coie	92.56%
7	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	92.36%
8	Winston & Strawn	92.28%
9	Fish & Richardson	92.21%
10	DLA Piper	92.16%
11	Greenberg Traurig LLP	91.66%
12	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	91.49%
13	Kirkland & Ellis	91.46%
14	Sheppard Mullin	91.31%
15	Norton Rose Fulbright	91.01%
16	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	90.70%
17	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	90.59%
18	Latham & Watkins	90.41%
19	Holland & Knight	90.17%
20	King & Spalding	90.16%
21	Duane Morris LLP	90.15%
22	Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner	90.15%
23	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	90.14%
24	Irell & Manella LLP	90.08%

Table 3.6 - The Best Performing Law Firms Overall (Representing Defendants or Plaintiffs) (continued)

Overall Performance Rank	Law Firm	Overall Performance Score
25	Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr	89.99%
26	Foley & Lardner LLP	89.76%
27	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	89.40%
28	Dorsey & Whitney LLP	89.39%
29	Fenwick & West LLP	89.39%
30	Desmarais LLP	89.33%
31	Cooley LLP	89.26%
32	Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer	89.24%
33	Paul Hastings	89.09%
34	Knobbe Martens	88.74%
35	Haynes and Boone, LLP	88.48%
36	Baker & Hostetler LLP	88.44%
37	Womble Bond Dickinson	88.43%
38	Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox	88.42%
39	Jenner & Block	88.39%
40	Barnes & Thornburg LLP	88.36%
41	K&L Gates	88.32%
42	Farella Braun + Martel	88.28%
43	Jones Day	88.19%
44	Jackson Walker LLP	88.05%
45	Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	88.02%
46	Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath	88.00%
47	Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP	87.99%
48	Crowell & Moring	87.97%
49	Ni Wang & Massand	87.96%
50	Workman Nydegger	87.94%

Table 3.6 - The Best Performing Law Firms Overall (Representing Defendants or Plaintiffs) (continued)

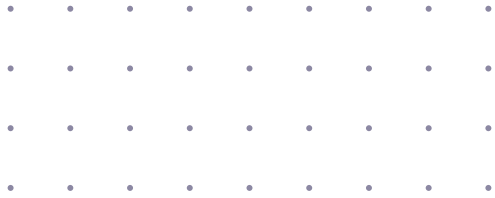
Overall Performance Rank	Law Firm	Overall Performance Score
51	Mayer Brown	87.87%
52	Banner Witcoff	87.80%
53	Dickinson Wright PLLC	87.78%
54	Fox Rothschild	87.72%
55	Quarles & Brady	87.62%
56	McGuireWoods	87.61%
57	Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP	87.60%
58	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	87.59%
59	Kelly Hart & Hallman	87.59%
60	McDermott Will & Schulte	87.58%
61	Troutman Pepper Locke LLP	87.53%
62	Step toe LLP	87.51%
63	Brooks Kushman	87.46%
64	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati	87.43%
65	Bradley Arant Boult Cummings	87.28%
66	Keener & Associates PC	87.19%
67	Kelley Drye & Warren	87.16%
68	Goodwin Procter LLP	87.15%
69	Covington & Burling LLP	87.14%
70	Spencer Fane	87.13%
71	Ropes & Gray LLP	87.09%
72	Hogan Lovells	87.01%
73	Marshall Gerstein & Borun	86.99%
74	White & Case	86.94%
75	Merchant & Gould	86.89%

Table 3.6 - The Best Performing Law Firms Overall (Representing Defendants or Plaintiffs) (continued)

Overall Performance Rank	Law Firm	Overall Performance Score
76	Honigman	86.86%
77	Caldwell Cassady & Curry	86.86%
78	Carlson Caspers Vandenburg & Lindquist, PA.	86.81%
79	Armstrong Teasdale	86.79%
80	Ballard Spahr	86.78%
81	YK Law LLP	86.77%
82	Keker, Van Nest & Peters LLP	86.73%
83	Willkie Farr & Gallagher	86.69%
84	Benesch	86.69%
85	Klarquist Sparkman	86.64%
86	Harness IP	86.61%
87	Thompson Coburn LLP	86.61%
88	Nyemaster Goode	86.54%
89	Getech Law LLC	86.53%
90	Slayden Grubert Beard	86.52%
91	Shook, Hardy & Bacon	86.51%
92	Sidley Austin	86.46%
93	Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.	86.43%
94	Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP	86.38%
95	A&O Shearman	86.35%
96	Williams & Connolly	86.33%
97	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	86.32%
98	Polsinelli	86.31%
99	Turner Boyd Seraphine	86.29%
100	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	86.25%

Section 04

**Evaluation
of Litigation
Attorneys.**



Evaluation of Litigation Attorneys.

This section assesses patent litigators based on both activity and performance, using a methodology consistent with that applied to companies and law firms, as described in Section 7. The rankings presented here highlight the top 100 patent litigators, reflecting their activity and performance scores.

For a broader view, **Appendix D** provides data on the 1,000 most active patent litigators, including their activity and performance

metrics, as well as the top three clients they represented. Case assignments are based on attorney involvement as recorded in PACER docket reports and other case filings, using publicly available court documents.

All patent attorneys included in this analysis have a public profile on [Patexia](#), which can be claimed at no cost. Attorneys may claim and update their profiles using their current law firm email address.

The 100 Most Active Patent Litigators

Patent litigation is often complex and requires highly skilled attorneys. Our analysis identified 14,197 attorneys involved in one or more patent cases, including both lead and local counsel. Of these, 13,851 attorneys served as lead counsel for either plaintiffs or defendants, with local counsel examined separately in Section 5. Breaking down participation, 8,845 attorneys represented plaintiffs, while 9,808 attorneys represented defendants. On average, plaintiff-side attorneys handled 4.9 cases each, compared with 3.9 cases for defendant-side attorneys.

Isaac P. Rabicoff of Rabicoff Law ranks as the most active attorney overall, with an activity score of 98.14%, based on involvement in 1,554 cases covering 310 unique patents. He also leads the plaintiff category, earning a 99.61% activity score as the most active plaintiff attorney. Neil J. McNabnay of Fish & Richardson ranks second overall with an activity score of 97.50%, followed by William

P. Ramey III of Ramey LLP in third place at 95.82%.

On the defendant side, Neil J. McNabnay holds the top position. Ricardo J. Bonilla of Fish & Richardson ranks second with a score of 95.09%, and John M. Guaragna of DLA Piper takes third place at 94.56%. In the plaintiff category, Isaac P. Rabicoff is followed by William P. Ramey III with an activity score of 97.61%, and Vincent J. Rubino III of Fabricant LLP rounds out the top three with 96.14%.

Did you Know?

Isaac P. Rabicoff of **Rabicoff Law** ranks as the most active patent litigator, holding the top position in both the overall and defendant categories, with activity scores of 98.14% and 99.61%, respectively.

Neil J. McNabnay of **Fish & Richardson** leads as the most active attorney for defendants, achieving a defendant activity score of 100.00%.

Tables 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 present a summary of the top 100 most active patent litigators, categorized by their representation of defendants, plaintiffs, and overall activity, respectively.

Table 4.1 - Top 100 Most Active Patent Attorneys Representing Defendants

Defendant Activity Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Defendant Activity Score
1	Neil J. McNabney	Fish & Richardson	100.00%
2	Ricardo J. Bonilla	Fish & Richardson	95.09%
3	John M. Guaragna	DLA Piper	94.56%
4	Barry K. Shelton	Shelton Coburn LLP	93.39%
5	Lance Wyatt	Fish & Richardson	92.92%
6	Brian C. Nash	Morrison & Foerster	91.94%
7	Adam E. Urbanczyk	AU LLC	91.45%
8	David M. Hoffman	Fish & Richardson	90.77%
9	Krishnan Padmanabhan	Winston & Strawn	90.69%
10	Rodeen Talebi	Fish & Richardson	90.69%
11	Sean Cunningham	DLA Piper	90.63%
12	Heidi L. Keefe	Cooley LLP	90.51%
13	Steven D. Moore	Vinson & Elkins	90.39%
14	Brian Rosenthal	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	90.35%
15	Kristopher Reed	Holland & Knight	90.32%
16	Jennifer L. Nall	DLA Piper	90.28%
17	Michael Jude McKeon	Fish & Richardson	90.20%
18	Erin P. Gibson	DLA Piper	90.18%
19	Kelly Ransom	Kelly Hart & Hallman	90.17%
20	David B. Conrad	Fish & Richardson	90.12%
21	Noel F. Chakkalakal	Fish & Richardson	89.92%
22	Timothy Wang	Ni Wang & Massand	89.91%

Table 4.1 - Top 100 Most Active Patent Attorneys Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Defendant Activity Score
23	Brady Cox	Alston & Bird	89.80%
24	Ruffin B. Cordell	Fish & Richardson	89.55%
25	Holly Engelmann	Duane Morris LLP	89.53%
26	Matthew S. Yungwirth	Duane Morris LLP	89.51%
27	Adil Anjum Shaikh	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	89.46%
28	Christopher Kao	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	89.43%
29	William M. Logan	Winston & Strawn	89.37%
30	Sean S. Pak	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	89.35%
31	Thatcher A. Rahmeier	Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath	89.28%
32	David Nelson	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	89.16%
33	Ryan K. Yagura	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	89.15%
34	Richard S. Zembek	Norton Rose Fulbright	89.11%
35	Mark D. Fowler	DLA Piper	89.10%
36	Russell A. Korn	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	89.09%
37	Darin Snyder	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	89.07%
38	Rex Mann	Winston & Strawn	89.01%
39	Katherine Vidal	Winston & Strawn	88.91%
40	Michael Strapp	DLA Piper	88.85%
41	Michael J. Newton	Alston & Bird	88.85%
42	Alice E. Snedeker	Duane Morris LLP	88.77%
43	Jared Bobrow	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	88.75%
44	Michael J. Zinna	Kelley Drye & Warren	88.73%
45	Saina S. Shamilov	Fenwick & West LLP	88.73%
46	Kurt M. Pankratz	Baker Botts LLP	88.71%
47	Betty H. Chen	Desmarais LLP	88.61%
48	Ravi Ranganath	Fenwick & West LLP	88.56%

Table 4.1 - Top 100 Most Active Patent Attorneys Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Defendant Activity Score
49	Sarika N. Patel	Fish & Richardson	88.53%
50	Vincent Marc Ferraro	Kelley Drye & Warren	88.52%
51	Edward J. Mayle	Holland & Knight	88.51%
52	David Hadden	Fenwick & West LLP	88.51%
53	Craig Tyler	Perkins Coie	88.47%
54	Alexander H. Martin	Fish & Richardson	88.46%
55	Gilbert A. Greene	Duane Morris LLP	88.44%
56	Darryl J. Adams	Slayden Grubert Beard	88.40%
57	Jianyin Liu	The Law Offices of James Liu, PLLC	88.30%
58	Ross R. Barton	Alston & Bird	88.26%
59	Catherine K. Huang	DLA Piper	88.21%
60	Michael R. Ellis	Fish & Richardson	88.10%
61	Robert W. Unikel	Paul Hastings	88.09%
62	Nan Lan	DLA Piper	88.06%
63	Eric A. Buresh	Erise IP	87.99%
64	Stuart R. Hene	TARRY & HENE, PLLC	87.92%
65	Donald R. McPhail	Merchant & Gould	87.91%
66	Michael A. Vincent	Fish & Richardson	87.89%
67	Nicholas G. Papastavros	DLA Piper	87.88%
68	Benjamin C. Elacqua	Fish & Richardson	87.86%
69	Mark N. Reiter	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	87.85%
70	Ahtoosa Dale	Winston & Strawn	87.82%
71	Siddhesh V. Pandit	Maier & Maier	87.81%
72	Nathaniel St. Clair II	Jackson Walker LLP	87.80%
73	Scott Stevens	Alston & Bird	87.78%
74	Brian K. Erickson	DLA Piper	87.68%

Table 4.1 - Top 100 Most Active Patent Attorneys Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Defendant Activity Score
75	Luann L. Simmons	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	87.65%
76	Kathryn E. Albanese	Greenberg Traurig LLP	87.63%
77	Nathan R. Curtis	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	87.62%
78	Thomas M. Melsheimer	Winston & Strawn	87.61%
79	Christopher R. Schmidt	Erise IP	87.57%
80	David S. Frist	Alston & Bird	87.54%
81	Kevin P. Anderson	Duane Morris LLP	87.52%
82	Michael J. Sacksteder	Fenwick & West LLP	87.48%
83	Eric C. Green	Norton Rose Fulbright	87.48%
84	Brian M. Buroker	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	87.42%
85	Mark Liang	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	87.34%
86	Aamir A. Kazi	Fish & Richardson	87.32%
87	Lionel M. Lavenue	Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner	87.32%
88	Elana B. Araj	Greenberg Traurig LLP	87.28%
89	Christopher S. Ponder	Sheppard Mullin	87.20%
90	Nicholas J. Whilt	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	87.19%
91	Paul R. Steadman	DLA Piper	87.17%
92	Theodore Stevenson III	Alston & Bird	87.17%
93	Timothy C. Saulsbury	Morrison & Foerster	87.16%
94	Steven Callahan	Charhon Callahan Robson & Garza	87.16%
95	Robert L. Lee	Alston & Bird	87.14%
96	Janice L. Ta	Perkins Coie	87.11%
97	Brianna M. Vinci	Duane Morris LLP	87.06%
98	Ashbey N. Morgan	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	87.03%
99	Thomas H. Reger II	Fish & Richardson	87.00%
100	Steven Pepe	Sheppard Mullin	86.99%

Table 4.2 - Top 100 Most Active Patent Attorneys Representing Plaintiffs

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Plaintiff Activity Score
1	Isaac P. Rabicoff	Rabicoff Law	99.61%
2	William P. Ramey III	Ramey LLP	97.19%
3	Vincent J. Rubino III	Fabricant LLP	96.14%
4	Raymond W. Mort III	The Mort Law Firm, PLLC	95.70%
5	Peter Lambrianakos	Fabricant LLP	95.70%
6	Alfred R. Fabricant	Fabricant LLP	95.55%
7	Randall T. Garteiser	GH IP Law	95.44%
8	Jonathan L. Hardt	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	95.08%
9	Scott Fuller	GH IP Law	94.93%
10	Reza Mirzaie	Russ August & Kabat	94.85%
11	Marc A. Fenster	Russ August & Kabat	94.51%
12	Matthew Rozier	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	94.50%
13	Jennifer Truelove	McKool Smith	93.34%
14	David R. Bennett	Direction IP Law	93.17%
15	Christopher Honea	GH IP Law	93.01%
16	Jonathan H. Rastegar	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	92.83%
17	Richard Charles Weinblatt	Stamoulis & Weinblatt	92.28%
18	Samuel F. Baxter	McKool Smith	92.12%
19	Travis E. Lynch	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	91.80%
20	Howard L. Wernow	Sand, Sebolt & Wernow LPA	91.74%
21	Patrick J. Conroy	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	91.73%
22	Joseph J. Zito	DNL Zito	91.65%
23	Benjamin C. Deming	DNL Zito	91.59%
24	Jeffrey E. Kubiak	Ramey LLP	91.48%

Table 4.2 - Top 100 Most Active Patent Attorneys Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Plaintiff Activity Score
25	Stamatios Stamoulis	Stamoulis & Weinblatt	91.38%
26	Rene A. Vazquez	DNL Zito	91.14%
27	Mark W. Delaquil	Baker & Hostetler LLP	91.02%
28	Paul A. Kroeger	Russ August & Kabat	90.87%
29	Jonathan Ma	Russ August & Kabat	90.83%
30	Bill Kennedy	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	90.82%
31	Ryan P. Griffin	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	90.79%
32	Cortney S. Alexander	Kent & Risley	90.78%
33	Jonathan R. Miller	Greenblum & Bernstein	90.74%
34	John A. Rubino	Rubino IP	90.58%
35	Hao Ni	Ni Wang & Massand	90.47%
36	Benjamin T. Wang	Russ August & Kabat	90.45%
37	Christian W. Conkle	Russ August & Kabat	90.43%
38	Brian D. Ledahl	Russ August & Kabat	90.32%
39	Ramachandran B. Iyer	Daignault Iyer LLP	90.00%
40	Minna Y. Jay	Russ August & Kabat	89.95%
41	Geoffrey P. Culbertson	Patton Tidwell & Culbertson LLP	89.94%
42	Antranig N. Garibian	Garibian Law Offices	89.86%
43	Jacob D. Ostling	Fabricant LLP	89.79%
44	Edward R. Nelson III	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	89.78%
45	Amy E. Hayden	BC Law Group, P.C.	89.66%
46	Ronald M. Daignault	Daignault Iyer LLP	89.60%
47	Daniel P. Hipskind	Berger & Hipskind LLP	89.55%
48	Joseph Mercadante	Fabricant LLP	89.42%
49	Neil A. Rubin	Russ August & Kabat	89.40%
50	Timothy E. Grochocinski	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	89.38%

Table 4.2 - Top 100 Most Active Patent Attorneys Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Plaintiff Activity Score
51	James A. Milkey	Russ August & Kabat	89.35%
52	Brett E. Cooper	BC Law Group, P.C.	89.28%
53	Kelly B. Tidwell	Patton Tidwell & Culbertson LLP	89.15%
54	John Murphy	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	89.07%
55	Steve Moore	Ni Wang & Massand	88.90%
56	Adam S. Hoffman	Russ August & Kabat	88.85%
57	Drew B. Hollander	BC Law Group, P.C.	88.85%
58	Seth R. Hasenour	BC Law Group, P.C.	88.84%
59	Larry D. Thompson Jr.	Antonelli Harrington & Thompson	88.84%
59	Zachariah S. Harrington	Antonelli Harrington & Thompson	88.84%
61	Philip X. Wang	Russ August & Kabat	88.82%
62	James S. Tsuei	Russ August & Kabat	88.72%
63	Matthew J. Antonelli	Antonelli Harrington & Thompson	88.70%
64	Jason M. Wietholter	Russ August & Kabat	88.66%
65	Enrique W. Iturralde	Fabricant LLP	88.51%
66	Stephen M. Lobbin	SML Avvocati P.C.	88.48%
67	Austin Ginnings	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	88.43%
68	Adam G. Price	DiNovo Price	88.22%
69	James N. Pickens	Russ August & Kabat	88.02%
70	Neal G. Massand	Ni Wang & Massand	88.01%
71	Robert F. Kramer	Kramer Alberti Lim & Tonkovich LLP	88.01%
72	Jason G. Sheasby	Irell & Manella LLP	87.97%
73	Amy Park	Fabricant LLP	87.96%
74	Kenneth A. Matuszewski	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	87.92%
75	Kalpana Srinivasan	Susman Godfrey	87.91%
76	Lisa Kobialka	Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LLP	87.90%

Table 4.2 - Top 100 Most Active Patent Attorneys Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Plaintiff Activity Score
77	David T. DeZern	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	87.86%
78	Rudolph Fink IV	Davis Firm P.C.	87.86%
79	Paul J. Andre	Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LLP	87.78%
80	James A. Fussell	Mayer Brown	87.77%
81	Jonathan R. Yim	BC Law Group, P.C.	87.76%
82	Jonathan K. Waldrop	Kasowitz LLP	87.75%
83	Matthew G. Berkowitz	Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	87.75%
84	James R. Hannah	Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LLP	87.67%
85	Oded Burger	Daignault Iyer LLP	87.66%
86	Nicholas E. Najera	Ni Wang & Massand	87.63%
87	Heather S. Kim	Kasowitz LLP	87.60%
88	John W. Downing	Kasowitz LLP	87.55%
89	Darcy L. Jones	Jackson Lewis P.C.	87.48%
90	Timothy Wang	Ni Wang & Massand	87.47%
91	Christopher V. Goodpastor	DiNovo Price	87.46%
92	Alexandra Easley	Russ August & Kabat	87.46%
93	Patrick R. Colsher	Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	87.44%
94	Jamie B. Beaber	Mayer Brown	87.44%
95	Elizabeth Day	Bunsow De Mory	87.42%
96	Andrew G. Dinovo	DiNovo Price	87.40%
97	Marcus A. Barber	Kasowitz LLP	87.39%
98	Peter Tong	Russ August & Kabat	87.36%
99	Tao Liu	Glacier Law LLP	87.33%
100	Jacob R. Buczko	Russ August & Kabat	87.27%

Table 4.3 - Top 100 Most Active Patent Attorneys Overall (Representing Plaintiffs and Defendants)

Overall Activity Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Overall Activity Score
1	Isaac P. Rabicoff	Rabicoff Law	98.14%
2	Neil J. McNabny	Fish & Richardson	97.50%
3	William P. Ramey III	Ramey LLP	95.82%
4	Vincent J. Rubino III	Fabricant LLP	94.71%
5	Peter Lambrianakos	Fabricant LLP	94.29%
6	Raymond W. Mort III	The Mort Law Firm, PLLC	94.28%
7	Alfred R. Fabricant	Fabricant LLP	94.24%
8	Jonathan L. Hardt	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	94.14%
9	Randall T. Garteiser	GHIP Law	94.02%
10	Matthew Rozier	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	93.81%
11	Reza Mirzaie	Russ August & Kabat	93.63%
12	Scott Fuller	GHIP Law	93.50%
13	Marc A. Fenster	Russ August & Kabat	93.20%
14	Ricardo J. Bonilla	Fish & Richardson	93.14%
15	John M. Guaragna	DLA Piper	93.08%
16	Jennifer Truelove	McKool Smith	93.04%
17	David R. Bennett	Direction IP Law	92.27%
18	Barry K. Shelton	Shelton Coburn LLP	92.04%
19	Christopher Honea	GHIP Law	91.76%
20	Samuel F. Baxter	McKool Smith	91.48%
21	Travis E. Lynch	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	91.43%
22	Richard Charles Weinblatt	Stamoulis & Weinblatt	91.42%
23	Jonathan H. Rastegar	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	91.42%
24	Stamatios Stamoulis	Stamoulis & Weinblatt	91.05%

Table 4.3 - Top 100 Most Active Patent Attorneys Overall (Representing Plaintiffs and Defendants) (continued)

Overall Activity Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Overall Activity Score
25	Lance Wyatt	Fish & Richardson	90.98%
26	Benjamin C. Deming	DNL Zito	90.90%
27	Timothy Wang	Ni Wang & Massand	90.80%
28	Brian C. Nash	Morrison & Foerster	90.79%
29	Joseph J. Zito	DNL Zito	90.67%
30	Howard L. Wernow	Sand, Sebolt & Wernow LPA	90.59%
31	Patrick J. Conroy	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	90.38%
32	Brian Rosenthal	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	90.38%
33	Jeffrey E. Kubiak	Ramey LLP	90.34%
34	Rene A. Vazquez	DNL Zito	90.09%
35	Sean Cunningham	DLA Piper	89.95%
36	Jonathan Ma	Russ August & Kabat	89.94%
37	Adam E. Urbanczyk	AU LLC	89.91%
38	Cortney S. Alexander	Kent & Risley	89.91%
39	Krishnan Padmanabhan	Winston & Strawn	89.88%
40	Paul A. Kroeger	Russ August & Kabat	89.87%
41	Steven D. Moore	Vinson & Elkins	89.86%
42	Benjamin T. Wang	Russ August & Kabat	89.83%
43	Mark W. Delaquil	Baker & Hostetler LLP	89.80%
44	Hao Ni	Ni Wang & Massand	89.58%
45	Jonathan R. Miller	Greenblum & Bernstein	89.57%
46	Bill Kennedy	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	89.50%
47	Ryan P. Griffin	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	89.45%
48	David M. Hoffman	Fish & Richardson	89.40%
49	John A. Rubino	Rubino IP	89.37%
50	Minna Y. Jay	Russ August & Kabat	89.33%

Table 4.3 - Top 100 Most Active Patent Attorneys Overall (Representing Plaintiffs and Defendants) (continued)

Overall Activity Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Overall Activity Score
51	Rodeen Talebi	Fish & Richardson	89.32%
52	Christian W. Conkle	Russ August & Kabat	89.29%
53	Michael J. Zinna	Kelley Drye & Warren	89.28%
54	Tao Liu	Glacier Law LLP	89.27%
55	Geoffrey P. Culbertson	Patton Tidwell & Culbertson LLP	89.26%
56	Brian D. Ledahl	Russ August & Kabat	89.22%
57	David Nelson	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	89.18%
58	Erin P. Gibson	DLA Piper	89.18%
59	Ruffin B. Cordell	Fish & Richardson	89.16%
60	Sean S. Pak	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	89.15%
61	Brady Cox	Alston & Bird	89.11%
62	Vincent Marc Ferraro	Kelley Drye & Warren	89.11%
63	Theodore Stevenson III	Alston & Bird	89.07%
64	Heidi L. Keefe	Cooley LLP	89.03%
65	Kristopher Reed	Holland & Knight	89.03%
66	Amy E. Hayden	BC Law Group, P.C.	88.97%
67	Antranig N. Garibian	Garibian Law Offices	88.82%
68	Michael Jude McKeon	Fish & Richardson	88.77%
69	Ramachandran B. Iyer	Daignault Iyer LLP	88.77%
70	Jennifer L. Nall	DLA Piper	88.73%
71	Thatcher A. Rahmeier	Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath	88.73%
72	Brett E. Cooper	BC Law Group, P.C.	88.70%
73	Holly Engelmann	Duane Morris LLP	88.69%
74	Kelly Ransom	Kelly Hart & Hallman	88.66%
75	Craig Tyler	Perkins Coie	88.62%

Table 4.3 - Top 100 Most Active Patent Attorneys Overall (Representing Plaintiffs and Defendants) (continued)

Overall Activity Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Overall Activity Score
76	David B. Conrad	Fish & Richardson	88.60%
77	Jacob D. Ostling	Fabricant LLP	88.60%
78	Edward R. Nelson III	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	88.59%
79	James A. Milkey	Russ August & Kabat	88.54%
80	William M. Logan	Winston & Strawn	88.53%
81	Ronald M. Daignault	Daignault Iyer LLP	88.46%
82	Kelly B. Tidwell	Patton Tidwell & Culbertson LLP	88.45%
83	Kevin P. B. Johnson	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	88.43%
84	Mark D. Fowler	DLA Piper	88.43%
85	Joseph Mercadante	Fabricant LLP	88.42%
86	Katherine Vidal	Winston & Strawn	88.42%
87	Neil A. Rubin	Russ August & Kabat	88.37%
88	Ryan K. Yagura	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	88.37%
89	Rex Mann	Winston & Strawn	88.33%
90	Fred Williams	Williams Simons & Landis PLLC	88.30%
91	Adil Anjum Shaikh	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	88.28%
92	Darin Snyder	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	88.27%
93	Thomas M. Melsheimer	Winston & Strawn	88.23%
94	Daniel P. Hipskind	Berger & Hipskind LLP	88.21%
95	Christopher Kao	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	88.19%
96	Noel F. Chakkalakal	Fish & Richardson	88.19%
97	Kurt M. Pankratz	Baker Botts LLP	88.16%
98	Michael J. Newton	Alston & Bird	88.16%
99	Timothy E. Grochocinski	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	88.13%
100	Steve Moore	Ni Wang & Massand	88.10%

Best-Performing Patent Litigators

In this section, attorneys’ Performance Scores and rankings are calculated using the same methodology applied to companies and law firms. Attorneys with activity rankings but no scorable, terminated patent cases do not receive performance scores or rankings.

Between July 2020 and June 2025, John M. Guaragna of DLA Piper ranks as the top-performing patent litigator overall and on the defendant side, achieving Performance Scores of 93.86% overall and 97.01% for defendants. Neil J. McNabnay of Fish & Richardson and Brady Cox of Alston & Bird hold the second and third overall positions, with scores of 92.85% and 92.02%, respectively.

For defendant representation, Guaragna is again followed by McNabnay (94.40%) and Cox (94.02%). Among plaintiffs, Steve Moore of Ni Wang & Massand ranks first with a per-

formance score of 91.85%, followed by Jonathan L. Hardt of Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC at 91.68%, and Jason G. Sheasby of Irell & Manella LLP in third place with 91.35%.

Did you Know?

The results place **Steve Moore** of **Ni Wang & Massand** at the top of the rankings for plaintiff-side performance, while **John M. Guaragna** of **DLA Piper** leads both the defendant category and the overall performance rankings.

Appendix D offers a detailed analysis of the activity and performance of the 1,000 most active patent litigators, supplemented by information on their top three clients. For a summary, refer to **Tables 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6**, which highlight the best-performing litigators in the defendant, plaintiff, and overall categories.

Table 4.4 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Representing Defendants

Defendant Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Defendant Performance Score
1	John M. Guaragna	DLA Piper	97.01%
2	Neil J. McNabnay	Fish & Richardson	94.40%
3	Brady Cox	Alston & Bird	94.02%
4	Brian C. Nash	Morrison & Foerster	93.92%
5	Barry K. Shelton	Shelton Coburn LLP	93.66%
6	Kelly Ransom	Kelly Hart & Hallman	93.34%
7	Ricardo J. Bonilla	Fish & Richardson	92.70%

Table 4.4 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Defendant Performance Score
8	Darin Snyder	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	92.65%
9	David M. Hoffman	Fish & Richardson	92.22%
10	David S. Frist	Alston & Bird	91.73%
11	Krishnan Padmanabhan	Winston & Strawn	91.59%
12	Richard S. Zembek	Norton Rose Fulbright	91.49%
13	Holly Engelmann	Duane Morris LLP	91.38%
14	Christopher Kao	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	91.37%
15	Jennifer L. Nall	DLA Piper	91.33%
16	Kristopher Reed	Holland & Knight	91.29%
17	Katherine Vidal	Winston & Strawn	91.23%
18	Mark D. Fowler	DLA Piper	91.22%
19	Adil Anjum Shaikh	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	91.05%
20	Ryan K. Yagura	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	91.02%
21	Michael R. Ellis	Fish & Richardson	90.97%
22	Sean Cunningham	DLA Piper	90.88%
23	Russell A. Korn	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	90.80%
24	Rex Mann	Winston & Strawn	90.72%
25	Gilbert A. Greene	Duane Morris LLP	90.64%
26	Craig Tyler	Perkins Coie	90.51%
27	Brian Rosenthal	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	90.50%
28	Jason E. Mueller	Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP	90.40%
29	Michael J. Newton	Alston & Bird	90.33%
30	Nicholas J. Whilt	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	90.33%
31	Lance Wyatt	Fish & Richardson	90.31%

Table 4.4 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Defendant Performance Score
32	Sean S. Pak	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	90.26%
33	Robert L. Lee	Alston & Bird	90.18%
34	Steven D. Moore	Vinson & Elkins	90.16%
35	Betty H. Chen	Desmarais LLP	90.14%
36	Michael J. Sacksteder	Fenwick & West LLP	90.10%
37	Thatcher A. Rahmeier	Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath	90.08%
38	Heidi L. Keefe	Cooley LLP	89.91%
39	Mark Liang	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	89.77%
40	Rodeen Talebi	Fish & Richardson	89.66%
41	Erin P. Gibson	DLA Piper	89.62%
42	Donald R. McPhail	Merchant & Gould	89.58%
43	Ruffin B. Cordell	Fish & Richardson	89.55%
44	William M. Logan	Winston & Strawn	89.53%
45	Ravi Ranganath	Fenwick & West LLP	89.49%
46	Mark N. Reiter	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	89.44%
47	Saina S. Shamilov	Fenwick & West LLP	89.43%
48	Edward A. Cavazos	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	89.36%
49	Lisa K. Nguyen	Paul Hastings	89.32%
50	Michael Jude McKeon	Fish & Richardson	89.30%
51	David Hadden	Fenwick & West LLP	89.29%
52	Gabriel K. Bell	Latham & Watkins	89.29%
53	Kurt M. Pankratz	Baker Botts LLP	89.29%
54	Ross R. Barton	Alston & Bird	89.28%

Table 4.4 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Defendant Performance Score
55	Lionel M. Lavenue	Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner	89.25%
56	Brian Swift	AU LLC	89.24%
57	Matthew C. Gaudet	Duane Morris LLP	89.24%
58	David Almeling	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	89.22%
59	Matthew J. Moffa	Perkins Coie	89.20%
60	Vincent Marc Ferraro	Kelley Drye & Warren	89.20%
61	Nathaniel St. Clair II	Jackson Walker LLP	89.17%
62	Kent E. Baldauf Jr.	The Webb Law Firm	89.11%
63	Richard G. Frenkel	Latham & Watkins	89.09%
64	Brian K. Erickson	DLA Piper	89.08%
65	Ahtoosa Dale	Winston & Strawn	89.08%
66	Nicholas G. Papastavros	DLA Piper	89.07%
67	Michael Strapp	DLA Piper	89.06%
68	Edward J. Mayle	Holland & Knight	89.03%
69	Aamir A. Kazi	Fish & Richardson	88.99%
70	Eugene Mar	Farella Braun + Martel	88.98%
71	Syed K. Fareed	McDermott Will & Schulte	88.96%
72	Matthew Bernstein	Bernstein IP Strategy	88.93%
73	Catherine K. Huang	DLA Piper	88.91%
74	Brian M. Buroker	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	88.89%
75	Benjamin C. Elacqua	Fish & Richardson	88.88%
76	Matthew D. Satchwell	DLA Piper	88.88%
77	Robert W. Unikel	Paul Hastings	88.84%

Table 4.4 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Defendant Performance Score
78	Robert R. Laurenzi	Paul Hastings	88.81%
79	Jared Bobrow	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	88.79%
80	Jeanne M. Gills	Foley & Lardner LLP	88.78%
81	David B. Conrad	Fish & Richardson	88.77%
82	Jeffrey L. Johnson	Baker Botts LLP	88.74%
83	Michael J. Zinna	Kelley Drye & Warren	88.72%
84	Ariell Bratton	Paul Hastings	88.68%
85	Matthew S. Yungwirth	Duane Morris LLP	88.67%
86	Kathryn E. Albanese	Greenberg Traurig LLP	88.67%
87	David Nelson	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	88.65%
88	Jason W. Cook	McGuireWoods	88.64%
89	Michael Jay	DLA Piper	88.63%
90	Amy K. Liang	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	88.63%
91	Bethany Stevens	Walker Stevens Cannom LLP	88.61%
92	Eric C. Green	Norton Rose Fulbright	88.61%
93	Jeffrey R. Colin	Greenberg Traurig LLP	88.58%
94	Jon Bentley Hyland	Hilgers PLLC	88.56%
95	Janice L. Ta	Perkins Coie	88.55%
96	Steven P. Tepera	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	88.54%
97	Jeffrey Liang	Sheppard Mullin	88.54%
98	Keith B. Davis	Jones Day	88.51%
99	Alice E. Snedeker	Duane Morris LLP	88.47%
100	Kevin P. Anderson	Duane Morris LLP	88.44%

Table 4.5 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Representing Plaintiffs

Plaintiff Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Plaintiff Performance Score
1	Steve Moore	Ni Wang & Massand	91.85%
2	Jonathan L. Hardt	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	91.68%
3	Jason G. Sheasby	Irell & Manella LLP	91.35%
4	Mark W. Delaquil	Baker & Hostetler LLP	89.91%
5	Kevin J. Keener	Keener & Associates PC	89.88%
6	Jeffrey D. Harty	Nyemaster Goode	89.76%
8	Nicholas E. Najera	Ni Wang & Massand	89.49%
9	Geoffrey P. Culbertson	Patton Tidwell & Culbertson LLP	89.46%
10	Jonathan R. Miller	Greenblum & Bernstein	89.21%
12	Matthew Rozier	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	89.17%
16	Randall T. Garteiser	GH IP Law	88.54%
17	Patrick J. Conroy	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	88.53%
18	Tao Liu	Glacier Law LLP	88.48%
19	Travis E. Lynch	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	88.44%
20	Alison Aubry Richards	Global IP Law Group	88.39%
21	Linda Lei	Getech Law LLC	88.32%
22	Dale Chang	Russ August & Kabat	88.31%
23	Lisa S. Glasser	Irell & Manella LLP	88.30%
24	James S. Tsuei	Russ August & Kabat	88.29%
25	Drew B. Hollander	BC Law Group, P.C.	88.22%
27	Samuel F. Baxter	McKool Smith	88.15%
28	David T. DeZern	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	88.07%

Table 4.5 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Plaintiff Performance Score
29	Edward R. Nelson III	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	88.04%
30	Kelly B. Tidwell	Patton Tidwell & Culbertson LLP	88.01%
32	Robert M. Dewitty	DeWitty & Associates	87.93%
33	James A. Fussell	Mayer Brown	87.90%
34	Danielle De La Paz	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	87.86%
35	Kalpana Srinivasan	Susman Godfrey	87.78%
36	Ronald M. Daignault	Daignault Iyer LLP	87.73%
37	Brian N. Platt	Workman Nydegger	87.73%
38	Andrew D. Gordon-Seifert	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	87.70%
39	Andrew Jonathan Palmer	Jared W. Gasman, Attorney P.A.	87.66%
40	Nicole E. Glauser	Kramer Alberti Lim & Tonkovich LLP	87.65%
41	Tiffany A. Miller	Mayer Brown	87.64%
42	Bradley W. Caldwell	Caldwell Cassady & Curry	87.63%
43	Minna Y. Jay	Russ August & Kabat	87.61%
44	Andrew G. Dinovo	DiNovo Price	87.60%
45	Jason M. Wietholter	Russ August & Kabat	87.57%
46	Max L. Tribble Jr.	Susman Godfrey	87.52%
47	Jennifer Truelove	McKool Smith	87.47%
48	Robert D. Katz	Katz PLLC	87.41%
49	Richard Charles Weinblatt	Stamoulis & Weinblatt	87.41%
50	Kevin L. Burgess	McKool Smith	87.38%
51	Daniel L. Schmid	DiNovo Price	87.38%
52	Paul A. Kroeger	Russ August & Kabat	87.38%
53	Brandon G. Moore	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	87.33%

Table 4.5 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Plaintiff Performance Score
54	Julian G. Pymonto	Fabricant LLP	87.33%
55	Ali S. Razai	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	87.32%
56	David R. Bennett	Direction IP Law	87.31%
57	James R. Hannah	Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LLP	87.31%
58	Adam G. Price	DiNovo Price	87.27%
60	Marc Belloli	Bunsow De Mory	87.25%
61	Adam S. Hoffman	Russ August & Kabat	87.24%
62	Kristin M. Whidby	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	87.18%
63	Rebecca Carson	Irell & Manella LLP	87.17%
64	Ryan P. Griffin	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	87.16%
65	Daniel B. Kolko	Russ August & Kabat	87.16%
66	Courtney M. Krawice	Mayer Brown	87.15%
67	Bill Kennedy	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	87.15%
68	Paul J. Andre	Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer LLP	87.13%
69	Kenneth A. Matuszewski	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	87.13%
70	Gregory S. Donahue	DiNovo Price	87.09%
71	Rene A. Vazquez	DNL Zito	87.09%
72	Raymond W. Mort III	The Mort Law Firm, PLLC	87.07%
73	Austin Ginnings	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	87.06%
74	Daniel P. Hipskind	Berger & Hipskind LLP	87.01%
75	Michael S. French	Wargo French Singer	86.99%
76	Erin E. McCracken	Berger & Hipskind LLP	86.96%
77	Rudolph Fink IV	Davis Firm P.C.	86.96%

Table 4.5 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Plaintiff Performance Score
78	David Berten	Global IP Law Group	86.94%
79	Timothy Wang	Ni Wang & Massand	86.94%
80	John Murphy	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	86.91%
81	Vincent Marc Ferraro	Kelley Drye & Warren	86.90%
82	Dorian S. Berger	Berger & Hipskind LLP	86.83%
83	Oded Burger	Daignault Iyer LLP	86.81%
84	Matthew G. Berkowitz	Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	86.80%
85	Ramachandran B. Iyer	Daignault Iyer LLP	86.78%
86	William P. Ramey III	Ramey LLP	86.75%
87	Khue V. Hoang	Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	86.73%
88	Patrick R. Colsher	Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	86.73%
89	Jamie B. Beaber	Mayer Brown	86.72%
90	Ashley Ratycz	BC Law Group, P.C.	86.71%
91	Wei Wang	Glacier Law LLP	86.71%
92	Justin B. Kimble	Nelson Bumgardner Conroy	86.69%
93	Etai Lahav	Radulescu LLP	86.68%
94	Michael J. Zinna	Kelley Drye & Warren	86.68%
95	Devon C. Beane	Alston & Bird	86.67%
96	Amy E. Hayden	BC Law Group, P.C.	86.63%
97	Barry Irwin	Irwin IP	86.63%
98	Amir H. Alavi	Alavi Anaipakos, PLLC	86.61%
99	Seth W. Bruneel	Mayer Brown	86.61%
100	Alan M. Grimaldi	Mayer Brown	86.61%

Table 4.6 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Overall (Representing Plaintiffs or Defendants)

Overall Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Overall Performance Score
1	John M. Guaragna	DLA Piper	93.86%
2	Neil J. McNabnay	Fish & Richardson	92.85%
3	Brady Cox	Alston & Bird	92.02%
4	Brian C. Nash	Morrison & Foerster	91.87%
5	Barry K. Shelton	Shelton Coburn LLP	91.44%
6	Steve Moore	Ni Wang & Massand	91.07%
7	Ricardo J. Bonilla	Fish & Richardson	91.05%
8	Jonathan L. Hardt	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	90.94%
9	Jeffrey D. Harty	Nyemaster Goode	90.83%
10	Kelly Ransom	Kelly Hart & Hallman	90.82%
11	Jason G. Sheasby	Irell & Manella LLP	90.63%
12	Darin Snyder	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	90.44%
13	David M. Hoffman	Fish & Richardson	90.10%
15	Holly Engelmann	Duane Morris LLP	89.92%
16	Robert L. Lee	Alston & Bird	89.85%
17	Krishnan Padmanabhan	Winston & Strawn	89.82%
18	Brian Rosenthal	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	89.81%
19	Sean Cunningham	DLA Piper	89.75%
20	Mark D. Fowler	DLA Piper	89.71%
21	Kevin J. Keener	Keener & Associates PC	89.68%
22	Steven D. Moore	Vinson & Elkins	89.55%
23	Richard S. Zembek	Norton Rose Fulbright	89.55%
24	Jennifer L. Nall	DLA Piper	89.54%

Table 4.6 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Overall (Representing Plaintiffs or Defendants) (continued)

Overall Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Overall Performance Score
25	Kristopher Reed	Holland & Knight	89.51%
26	David S. Frist	Alston & Bird	89.45%
27	Craig Tyler	Perkins Coie	89.41%
28	Geoffrey P. Culbertson	Patton Tidwell & Culbertson LLP	89.30%
29	Christopher Kao	Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	89.30%
30	Rex Mann	Winston & Strawn	89.29%
31	Adil Anjum Shaikh	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	89.26%
32	Ryan K. Yagura	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	89.18%
33	Gilbert A. Greene	Duane Morris LLP	89.15%
34	Vincent Marc Ferraro	Kelley Drye & Warren	89.13%
35	Russell A. Korn	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	89.11%
36	Sean S. Pak	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	89.11%
37	Lance Wyatt	Fish & Richardson	89.07%
38	Michael J. Newton	Alston & Bird	89.05%
39	Thatcher A. Rahmeier	Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath	89.03%
40	Syed K. Fareed	McDermott Will & Schulte	89.02%
41	Michael R. Ellis	Fish & Richardson	89.01%
42	Mark W. Delaquil	Baker & Hostetler LLP	88.97%
43	John M. Desmarais	Desmarais LLP	88.95%
44	Katherine Vidal	Winston & Strawn	88.94%
45	Donald R. McPhail	Merchant & Gould	88.92%
46	Nicholas E. Najera	Ni Wang & Massand	88.84%
47	Matthew Rozier	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	88.78%
48	Heidi L. Keefe	Cooley LLP	88.71%

Table 4.6 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Overall (Representing Plaintiffs or Defendants) (continued)

Overall Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Overall Performance Score
49	Linda Lei	Getech Law LLC	88.70%
50	Erin P. Gibson	DLA Piper	88.69%
51	Lisa S. Glasser	Irell & Manella LLP	88.69%
52	Nicholas J. Whilt	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	88.62%
53	Michael J. Sacksteder	Fenwick & West LLP	88.60%
54	Lionel M. Lavenue	Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner	88.59%
55	Betty H. Chen	Desmarais LLP	88.58%
57	Gregg F. Locascio	Kirkland & Ellis	88.53%
58	Michael J. Zinna	Kelley Drye & Warren	88.49%
59	Jonathan R. Miller	Greenblum & Bernstein	88.46%
60	Nicholas A. Brown	Greenberg Traurig LLP	88.45%
61	Jason E. Mueller	Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP	88.43%
62	Ruffin B. Cordell	Fish & Richardson	88.41%
63	Mark N. Reiter	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	88.40%
64	Rodeen Talebi	Fish & Richardson	88.37%
65	Saina S. Shamilov	Fenwick & West LLP	88.36%
67	William M. Logan	Winston & Strawn	88.33%
68	Travis E. Lynch	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	88.32%
69	Tao Liu	Glacier Law LLP	88.30%
70	Michael Jude McKeon	Fish & Richardson	88.29%
71	Katherine G. Rubschlager	Alston & Bird	88.25%
72	Kurt M. Pankratz	Baker Botts LLP	88.23%
73	Mark Liang	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	88.21%
75	Kent E. Baldauf Jr.	The Webb Law Firm	88.20%

Table 4.6 - The Best-Performing Patent Litigators Overall (Representing Plaintiffs or Defendants) (continued)

Overall Performance Rank	Attorney	Law Firm	Overall Performance Score
76	Brian K. Erickson	DLA Piper	88.19%
77	Ravi Ranganath	Fenwick & West LLP	88.18%
79	James S. Tsuei	Russ August & Kabat	88.15%
81	Jared Bobrow	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	88.10%
82	Robert L. Maier	Baker Botts LLP	88.07%
83	Michael Strapp	DLA Piper	88.06%
84	David Nelson	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan	88.06%
85	Kate Dominguez	Gibson Dunn & Crutcher	88.05%
86	David Hadden	Fenwick & West LLP	88.03%
87	Eugene Mar	Farella Braun + Martel	88.02%
88	Edward J. Mayle	Holland & Knight	88.00%
89	Ross R. Barton	Alston & Bird	87.99%
90	Bradley W. Caldwell	Caldwell Cassady & Curry	87.99%
91	Ahtoosa Dale	Winston & Strawn	87.94%
92	Daralyn J. Durie	Morrison & Foerster	87.94%
93	Michael Jay	DLA Piper	87.93%
94	Brian N. Platt	Workman Nydegger	87.93%
95	Janice L. Ta	Perkins Coie	87.92%
96	David B. Conrad	Fish & Richardson	87.89%
97	Matthew D. Satchwell	DLA Piper	87.89%
98	Matthew C. Gaudet	Duane Morris LLP	87.88%
99	Steven Callahan	Charhon Callahan Robson & Garza	87.88%
100	Brian Swift	AU LLC	87.87%

Lateral Moves

This report also examines changes in attorney affiliations to capture shifts within the patent litigation field. We reviewed lateral movements occurring since the release of the prior report in Q1 2025, focusing on the 1,000 most active patent litigators. The analysis identifies attorneys who moved to a different firm or launched their own practices during this period.

In total, 70 lateral moves were recorded. For reference, the accompanying table lists each attorney's former and current firm, along with the total number of cases handled during the study period.

Table 4.7 - Lateral Moves since January 2025

Attorney	Current Firm	Old Firm	Overall Activity Rank	All Cases
Rene A. Vazquez	DNL Zito	Sinergia Technology Law Group, PLLC	34	136
Steven D. Moore	Vinson & Elkins	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	41	63
Amy E. Hayden	BC Law Group, P.C.	Russ August & Kabat	66	93
Adil Anjum Shaikh	Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	Fish & Richardson	91	78
Darlene F. Ghavimi	Spencer Fane	K&L Gates	141	51
Scott L. Cole	Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	SLC Trial Law, PLLC	150	40
Alexandra Easley	Russ August & Kabat	McKool Smith	165	68
Jack Shaw	Cherry Johnson Siegmund James, PLLC	Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch	177	57
Nan Lan	DLA Piper	Fish & Richardson	178	35
Joshua B. Long	Seyfarth Shaw LLP	Kelley Drye & Warren	182	25
Darcy L. Jones	Jackson Lewis P.C.	Kasowitz Benson Torres	199	70
Steven Pepe	Sheppard Mullin	Ropes & Gray LLP	205	27
Matthew Bernstein	Bernstein IP Strategy	Perkins Coie	248	38
Andrew D. Gordon-Seifert	Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	Irwin IP	252	16
Erick S. Robinson	Cherry Johnson Siegmund James, PLLC	Spencer Fane	260	57
Ali S. Razai	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	Knobbe Martens	266	31
Kathryn Ann Quisenberry	Avantech Law, LLP	Fish & Richardson	269	23

Table 4.7 - Lateral Moves since January 2025 (continued)

Attorney	Current Firm	Old Firm	Overall Activity Rank	All Cases
Devon C. Beane	Alston & Bird	K&L Gates	294	31
Edward R. Reines	Jones Day	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	296	29
James L. Davis Jr.	Sheppard Mullin	Ropes & Gray LLP	306	23
Christopher Edward Hanba	Prince Lobel Tye LLP	Dickinson Wright PLLC	311	40
Matthew C. Holohan	Sheridan Ross	Quarles & Brady	316	26
Brent K. Yamashita	Vedder Price	DLA Piper	337	26
David S. Chun	Sheppard Mullin	Ropes & Gray LLP	351	19
Matthew W. Cornelia	Winstead	McGuireWoods	374	34
Cecil E. Key	Key Kesan Dallmann PLLC	Key IP Law Group, PLLC	411	33
Christopher C. Campbell	Cahill Gordon & Reindel	King & Spalding	415	31
Gabrielle Lahatte	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Latham & Watkins	417	15
Megan Whyman Olesek	Thompson Hine	Turner Boyd Seraphine	448	24
Giri Pathmanaban	Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton	Latham & Watkins	451	21
John P. Schnurer	Foley & Lardner LLP	Perkins Coie	453	24
Kevin J. Meek	Law Offices of Kevin Meek, PLLC	McDermott Will & Emery	459	23
Christopher M. Gerson	Gish PLLC	Schulte Roth & Zabel	475	19
Derek C. Walter	Jones Day	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	478	22
Daniel W. Richards	Sheppard Mullin	Ropes & Gray LLP	490	19
Stefani E. Shanberg	Bend Mediation LLC	Perkins Coie	499	20
Eric R. Carr	Bunsow De Mory	Williams Simons & Landis PLLC	516	29
Neel Chatterjee	King & Spalding	Goodwin Procter LLP	528	20
Shong Yin	Sheppard Mullin	Ropes & Gray LLP	535	19
Britton F. Davis	Cahill Gordon & Reindel	King & Spalding	550	24
Karen I. Boyd	Thompson Hine	Turner Boyd Seraphine	581	30
Timothy K. Gilman	Kasowitz LLP	Schulte Roth & Zabel	584	18
Daniel L. Huynh	Bradley Arant Boult Cummings	Morris Manning & Martin	594	13

Table 4.7 - Lateral Moves since January 2025 (continued)

Attorney	Current Firm	Old Firm	Overall Activity Rank	All Cases
Clement J. Naples	Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton	Latham & Watkins	601	22
Matthew J. Rizzolo	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	Ropes & Gray LLP	630	23
Bruce G. Chapman	Orbit IP, LLP	Karish & Bjorgum	632	38
Shaleen J. Patel	Polsinelli	Alston & Bird	633	16
Kevin J. Post	Sheppard Mullin	Ropes & Gray LLP	680	16
Haleigh Ann Hashem	Mayer LLP	Haltom & Doan	696	14
Thomas Delrosario	Ahmad, Zavitsanos & Mensing	Susman Godfrey	746	30
Matthew R. Shapiro	Sheppard Mullin	Ropes & Gray LLP	754	13
Alexander E. Middleton	Sheppard Mullin	Ropes & Gray LLP	763	16
Brandon G. Smith	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	Knobbe Martens	764	12
Miguel J. Bombach	Foley & Lardner LLP	Perkins Coie	772	20
Michael C. Pomeroy	Cozen O'Connor	Carter Arnett PLLC	777	23
Ryan S. Loveless	Cherry Johnson Siegmund James, PLLC	Loveless Law Group, PLLC	789	47
Douglas E. Lumish	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Latham & Watkins	790	17
Benjamin J. Everton	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	Knobbe Martens	797	15
Steven Laxton	Greenberg Traurig LLP	Winston & Strawn	818	18
Kyle N. Ryman	Ryman Litigation PLLC	McKool Smith	833	18
Jose L. Patino	Cozen O'Connor	Buchalter	870	17
Andrew R. Shores	Law Offices of F. Bryan Brice, Jr.	Williams Mullen	906	20
Jeffrey G. Homrig	Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Latham & Watkins	908	15
Nicola A. Pisano	Cozen O'Connor	Eversheds Sutherland	941	15
Joshua G. Jones	Prince Lobel Tye LLP	Dickinson Wright PLLC	949	24
Amanda E. Stephenson	Mayer Brown	Goodwin Procter LLP	960	8
Daniel A. Apgar	Kasowitz LLP	Schulte Roth & Zabel	976	13
Erik O. Janitens	Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough	Norton Rose Fulbright	977	17
William K. Wray Jr.	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	A&O Shearman	988	17
Linjun Xu	Russ August & Kabat	Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch	993	12

Growth and Decline of Law Firms

Using the lateral movement data, we analyzed changes in attorney headcount across law firms active in patent litigation. For each firm, net gain was calculated as the difference between attorneys joining the firm and those departing during the study period.

This measure captures overall shifts in patent litigation staffing at the firm level. **Table 4.8** summarizes these results, highlighting patterns in attorney movement and providing insight into staffing dynamics among firms engaged in patent litigation.

Table 4.8 - Firms With the Largest Growth or Decline in Their Number of Patent Litigation Attorneys

Law Firms	Net	Gained	Lost
Ropes & Gray LLP	-9 ↓	0	9
Latham & Watkins	-5 ↓	0	5
Perkins Coie	-4 ↓	0	4
Fish & Richardson	-3 ↓	0	3
Knobbe Martens	-3 ↓	0	3
Schulte Roth & Zabel	-3 ↓	0	3
K&L Gates	-2 ↓	0	2
McKool Smith	-2 ↓	0	2
Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch	-2 ↓	0	2
Dickinson Wright PLLC	-2 ↓	0	2
Turner Boyd Seraphine	-2 ↓	0	2
Goodwin Procter LLP	-2 ↓	0	2
King & Spalding	-1 ↓	1	2
Sinergia Technology Law Group, PLLC	-1 ↓	0	1
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	-1 ↓	0	1

Table 4.8 - Firms With the Largest Growth or Decline in Their Number of Patent Litigation Attorneys (continued)

Law Firms	Net	Gained	Lost
SLC Trial Law, PLLC	-1 ↓	0	1
Kelley Drye & Warren	-1 ↓	0	1
Kasowitz Benson Torres	-1 ↓	0	1
Irwin IP	-1 ↓	0	1
Quarles & Brady	-1 ↓	0	1
McGuireWoods	-1 ↓	0	1
Key IP Law Group, PLLC	-1 ↓	0	1
McDermott Will & Emery	-1 ↓	0	1
Williams Simons & Landis PLLC	-1 ↓	0	1
Morris Manning & Martin	-1 ↓	0	1
Karish & Bjorgum	-1 ↓	0	1
Haltom & Doan	-1 ↓	0	1
Susman Godfrey	-1 ↓	0	1
Carter Arnett PLLC	-1 ↓	0	1
Loveless Law Group, PLLC	-1 ↓	0	1
Winston & Strawn	-1 ↓	0	1
Buchalter	-1 ↓	0	1
Williams Mullen	-1 ↓	0	1
Eversheds Sutherland	-1 ↓	0	1
Norton Rose Fulbright	-1 ↓	0	1
A&O Shearman	-1 ↓	0	1
Spencer Fane	0	1	1

Table 4.8 - Firms With the Largest Growth or Decline in Their Number of Patent Litigation Attorneys (continued)

Law Firms	Net	Gained	Lost
DLA Piper	0	1	1
Alston & Bird	0	1	1
Weil, Gotshal & Manges	1 ↑	3	2
Russ August & Kabat	1 ↑	2	1
DNL Zito	1 ↑	1	0
Vinson & Elkins	1 ↑	1	0
BC Law Group, P.C.	1 ↑	1	0
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe	1 ↑	1	0
Reichman Jorgensen Lehman & Feldberg LLP	1 ↑	1	0
Seyfarth Shaw LLP	1 ↑	1	0
Jackson Lewis P.C.	1 ↑	1	0
Bernstein IP Strategy	1 ↑	1	0
Rozier Hardt McDonough PLLC	1 ↑	1	0
Avantech Law, LLP	1 ↑	1	0
Sheridan Ross	1 ↑	1	0
Vedder Price	1 ↑	1	0
Winstead	1 ↑	1	0
Key Kesan Dallmann PLLC	1 ↑	1	0
Law Offices of Kevin Meek, PLLC	1 ↑	1	0
Gish PLLC	1 ↑	1	0
Bend Mediation LLC	1 ↑	1	0
Bunsow De Mory	1 ↑	1	0

Table 4.8 - Firms With the Largest Growth or Decline in Their Number of Patent Litigation Attorneys (continued)

Law Firms	Net	Gained	Lost
Bradley Arant Boult Cummings	1 ↑	1	0
Orbit IP, LLP	1 ↑	1	0
Polsinelli	1 ↑	1	0
Mayer LLP	1 ↑	1	0
Ahmad, Zavitsanos & Mensing	1 ↑	1	0
Greenberg Traurig LLP	1 ↑	1	0
Ryman Litigation PLLC	1 ↑	1	0
Law Offices of F. Bryan Brice, Jr.	1 ↑	1	0
Mayer Brown	1 ↑	1	0
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough	1 ↑	1	0
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	1 ↑	1	0
Jones Day	2 ↑	2	0
Prince Lobel Tye LLP	2 ↑	2	0
Cahill Gordon & Reindel	2 ↑	2	0
Thompson Hine	2 ↑	2	0
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton	2 ↑	2	0
Kasowitz LLP	2 ↑	2	0
Foley & Lardner LLP	2 ↑	2	0
Cherry Johnson Siegmund James, PLLC	3 ↑	3	0
Cozen O'Connor	3 ↑	3	0
Morgan Lewis & Bockius	4 ↑	4	0
Sheppard Mullin	8 ↑	8	0

The accompanying chart highlights the five firms experiencing the largest increases or decreases in patent litigation attorneys, as measured by net gain. Firms are ordered from highest to lowest net gain. When firms share the same net gain, priority is given to the firm with the greater number of active attorneys.

In addition to net gain, the chart details how many attorneys joined and departed each firm. Together, these figures reveal broader lateral movement trends and offer perspective on the competitive positioning of firms within patent litigation.

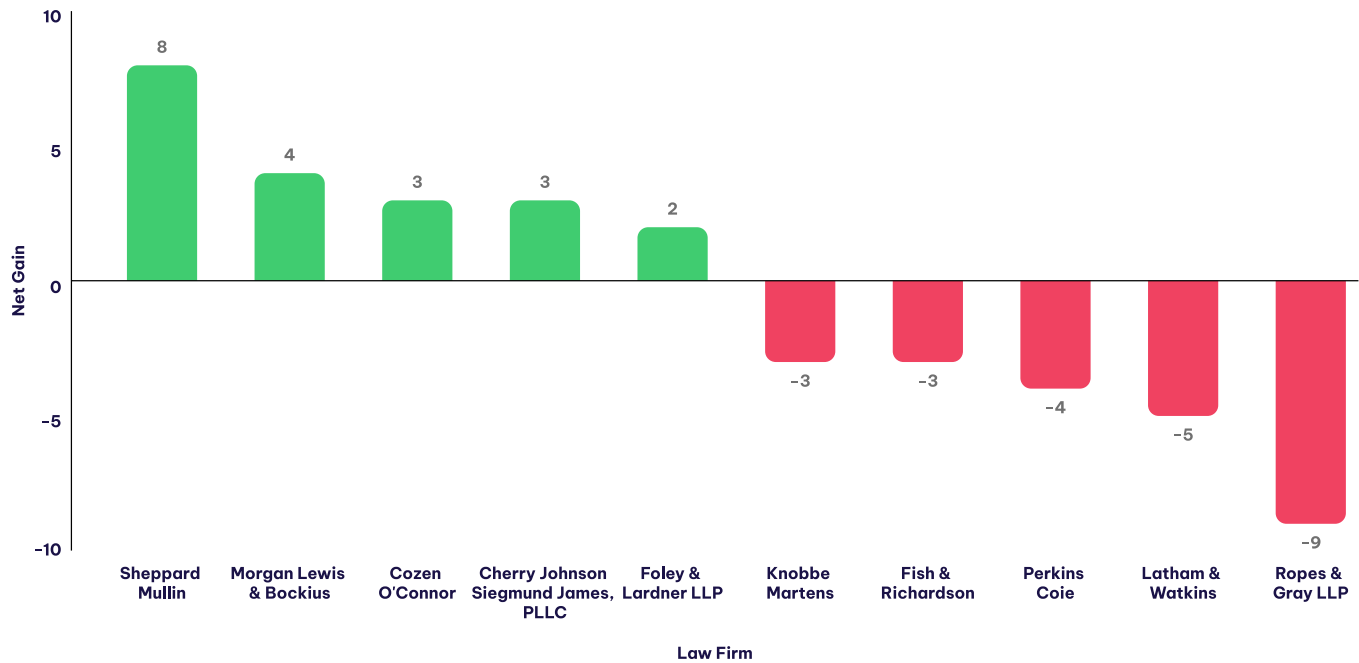


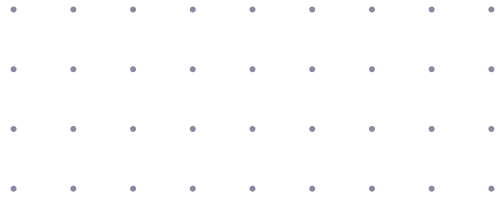
Figure 4.1. Top 5 Law Firms with Largest Growth or Decline in 2025

Section 05

Local

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Evaluation.



Local Counsel Evaluation.

Following a comprehensive review of 18,352 patent cases filed between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025, our analysis identified 14,197 attorneys involved across these matters. One of the most notable findings is the critical role played by local counsel, particularly in jurisdictions such as Delaware and Texas. Owing to their familiarity with local rules, venues, and judges, local counsel often exhibit high levels of activity and can meaningfully influence case strategy and outcomes.

Recognizing the importance of local counsel in patent litigation, Patexia has introduced a dedicated section focused on identifying the most active attorneys serving in this role. This section is intended to support companies and in-house counsel in selecting experienced local representation, especially in jurisdictions where reliance on local counsel is most pronounced.

As part of this effort, we compiled a list of 346 attorneys who frequently appear as local counsel in District Court patent cases. While we have taken significant steps to ensure accuracy, some attorneys may have been inadvertently omitted or misclassified. Nevertheless, we believe this compilation provides a valuable resource for practitioners and decision-makers seeking qualified local counsel.

Tables 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3 present the top 100 most active local counsel representing defendants, plaintiffs, and overall, respectively.

Table 5.1 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Representing Defendants

Defendant Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	Defendant Cases
1	Melissa R. Smith	Gillam & Smith LLP	Marshall	TX	721
2	Deron R. Dacus	Dacus Law Firm	Tyler	TX	281
3	Eric H. Findlay	Findlay Craft	Tyler	TX	227
4	Michael E. Jones	Potter Minton	Tyler	TX	159
5	Jeremy D. Anderson	Baker & Hostetler LLP	Wilmington	DE	127
6	Andrew T. Gorham	Gillam & Smith LLP	Tyler	TX	122
7	Shaun William Hassett	Potter Minton	Tyler	TX	114
8	Travis Underwood	Gillam & Smith LLP	Tyler	TX	111

Table 5.1 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	Defendant Cases
9	Paige Arnette Amstutz	Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP	Austin	TX	105
10	Blake Thompson	Mann Tindel & Thompson	Henderson	TX	91
11	Brian Craft	Findlay Craft	Tyler	TX	78
12	Michael Carlis Smith	Scheef & Stone, LLP	Lagrange	GA	68
12	Kelly E. Farnan	Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	68
14	Brian E. Farnan	Farnan LLP	Wilmington	DE	65
15	Mark Mann	Mann Tindel & Thompson	Tyler	TX	64
16	Jennifer Parker Ainsworth	Wilson Law Firm	Tyler	TX	62
17	Jeremy A. Tigan	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	60
17	Jennifer O. Ying	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	60
19	David E. Moore	Potter Anderson & Corroon	Wilmington	DE	52
20	Mark D. Siegmund	Cherry Johnson Siegmund James, PLLC	Waco	TX	51
20	Elizabeth M. Chiaviello	Nixon Peabody	Washington	DC	51
22	Rodger D. Smith II	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	50
23	Bindu A. G. Palapura	Potter Anderson & Corroon	Wilmington	DE	49
23	Brian P. Egan	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	49
23	Kenneth L. Dorsney	Morris James LLP	Wilmington	DE	49
26	Andrew C. Mayo	Ashby & Geddes	Wilmington	DE	47
27	Michael J. Farnan	Farnan LLP	Wilmington	DE	46
27	Cameron P. Clark	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	46
29	Stephen Burbank	Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP	Austin	TX	44
30	Andrea L. Fair	Miller Fair Henry, PLLC	Longview	TX	40
30	Alexandra M. Joyce	McCarter & English	Wilmington	DE	40
30	Jennifer H. Doan	Haltom & Doan	Texarkana	TX	40

Table 5.1 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	Defendant Cases
33	Karen E. Keller	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	39
33	Steven J. Wingard	Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP	Austin	TX	39
35	Harry Gillam	Gillam & Smith LLP	Marshall	TX	38
36	Karen Ann Jacobs	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	37
36	Anne Shea Gaza	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	37
38	Gregory Love	Steckler Wayne & Love	Henderson	TX	36
38	Daniel M. Silver	McCarter & English	Wilmington	DE	36
40	Andy Tindel	Mann Tindel & Thompson	Tyler	TX	34
41	Wesley Hill	J. Wesley Hill, P.C.	Longview	TX	33
42	Michael J. Flynn	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	30
43	Cortlan S. Hitch	Morris James LLP	Wilmington	DE	29
43	Thad Heartfield	The Heartfield Law Firm	Beaumont	TX	29
45	John C. Phillips Jr.	Phillips, McLaughlin & Hall, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	28
45	Andrew E. Russell	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	28
47	Nathan R. Hoeschen	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	27
47	Frederick L. Cottrell III	Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	27
49	Sara M. Metzler	Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	26
49	Glenn Thames Jr.	Potter Minton	Tyler	TX	26
51	John G. Day	Ashby & Geddes	Wilmington	DE	25
51	Benjamin J. Schladweiler	Greenberg Traurig LLP	Wilmington	DE	25
53	Anthony D. Raucci	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	24
54	Cabrach John Connor	Connor Lee & Shumaker	Austin	TX	23
54	Robert M. Vrana	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	23
54	Amanda A. Abraham	Roth Law Firm	Marshall	TX	23
54	Samantha G. Wilson	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	23

Table 5.1 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	Defendant Cases
58	Adam W. Poff	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	22
58	Stephanie O'Byrne	DLA Piper	Wilmington	DE	22
60	Claire Abernathy Henry	Miller Fair Henry, PLLC	Longview	TX	21
60	Philip A. Rovner	Potter Anderson & Corroon	Wilmington	DE	21
60	Amy M. Dudash	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	Wilmington	DE	21
63	John W. Shaw	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	20
63	Christine Dealy Haynes	Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	20
63	Shannon M. Dacus	Dacus Law Firm	Tyler	TX	20
66	Emily S. Dibenedetto	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	19
66	Jacqueline P. Altman	Naman Howell Smith & Lee	Waco	TX	19
66	Joshua Reed Thane	Haltom & Doan	Texarkana	TX	19
66	Jason Mazingo	The Mazingo Firm, PC	Tyler	TX	19
70	Pilar G. Kraman	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	18
70	John P. Palmer	Naman Howell Smith & Lee	Waco	TX	18
70	Jeffrey T. Castellano	DLA Piper	Wilmington	DE	18
73	Lucinda C. Cucuzzella	Delaware Department of Justice	Wilmington	DE	17
74	John A. Powell	Naman Howell Smith & Lee	Waco	TX	16
74	Stephen J. Kraftschik	Polsinelli	Wilmington	DE	16
74	David Lisch	Barnes & Thornburg LLP	Dallas	TX	16
77	Ronald P. Golden III	Bayard, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	15
78	David A. Bilson	Phillips, McLaughlin & Hall, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	14
78	Brandon R. Harper	Duane Morris LLP	Wilmington	DE	14
80	Megan C. Haney	Phillips, McLaughlin & Hall, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	13
80	Stephen E. Noona	Kaufman & Canoles, P.C.	Norfolk	VA	13
80	Darin Michael Klemchuk	Klemchuk LLP	Dallas	TX	13

Table 5.1 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Representing Defendants (continued)

Defendant Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	Defendant Cases
80	Eleanor T. Barnett	Armstrong Teasdale	Miami	FL	13
80	Bradley Coburn	Shelton Coburn LLP	Dallas	TX	13
85	Alexis Stombaugh	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	12
86	Timothy Devlin	Devlin Law Firm	Wilmington	DE	11
86	Alan R. Silverstein	Connolly Gallagher LLP	Wilmington	DE	11
86	Jeffrey J. Lyons	Baker & Hostetler LLP	Philadelphia	PA	11
86	Robert D. Leighton	Goldberg Kohn	Chicago	IL	11
90	Stephen B. Brauerman	Bayard, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	10
91	Liza M. Walsh	Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP	Newark	NJ	9
91	Derek J. Fahnestock	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	9
91	Neal C. Belgam	Smith, Katzenstein & Jenkins LLP	Wilmington	DE	9
91	Travis J. Murray	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	9
91	Randy Roeser	Holland & Hart	Boulder	CO	9
91	Kyle R. Akin	Haltom & Doan	Texarkana	TX	9
91	Katherine A. Escanlar	Saiber	Florham Park	NJ	9
91	Arthur G. Connolly III	Connolly Gallagher LLP	Wilmington	DE	9
91	Barry J. Bumgardner	Barry Bumgardner Law, PLLC	Ft. Worth	TX	9
100	Elizabeth L. Derieux	Capshaw Derieux	Gladewater	TX	8
100	Megan E. Dellinger	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	8
100	Nicole K. Pedi	Potter Anderson & Corroon	Wilmington	DE	8
100	Jason J. Rawnsley	Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	8
100	Richard L. Wynne Jr.	Klemchuk LLP	Dallas	TX	8
100	Brian Casper	Klemchuk LLP	Dallas	TX	8
100	Keana T. Taylor	Taylor Dykema PLLC	Dallas	TX	8

Table 5.2 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Representing Plaintiffs

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	Plaintiff Cases
1	Jimmy Chong	Chong Law Firm	Philadelphia	PA	666
2	Timothy Devlin	Devlin Law Firm	Wilmington	DE	302
3	Andrea L. Fair	Miller Fair Henry, PLLC	Longview	TX	266
4	Justin R. Gaudio	Greer, Burns & Crain	Chicago	IL	226
5	Amy C. Ziegler	Greer, Burns & Crain	Chicago	IL	169
6	Claire Abernathy Henry	Miller Fair Henry, PLLC	Longview	TX	152
7	Brian E. Farnan	Farnan LLP	Wilmington	DE	140
8	Michael J. Farnan	Farnan LLP	Wilmington	DE	139
9	Steven W. Ritcheson	Insight, A Professional Law Corporation	Marina del Rey	CA	124
10	Thomas J. Juettner	Greer, Burns & Crain	Chicago	IL	123
11	Stafford Davis	The Stafford Davis Firm, PC	Tyler	TX	122
11	Catherine S. Bartles	The Stafford Davis Firm, PC	Tyler	TX	122
13	Mark D. Siegmund	Cherry Johnson Siegmund James, PLLC	Waco	TX	115
14	Charles Lewis Ainsworth	Parker, Bunt & Ainsworth, P.C.	Tyler	TX	112
15	Elizabeth L. Derieux	Capshaw Derieux	Gladewater	TX	94
16	Justin T. Joseph	Greer, Burns & Crain	Glen Ellyn	IL	85
17	Cabrach John Connor	Connor Lee & Shumaker	Austin	TX	82
17	Paul M. Richter Jr.	Devlin Law Firm	New York	NY	82
19	Bo Davis	Davis Firm P.C.	Longview	TX	81
20	Robert C. Bunt	Parker, Bunt & Ainsworth, P.C.	Tyler	TX	78
21	John C. Phillips Jr.	Phillips, McLaughlin & Hall, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	77
21	Bradley Kizzia	Kizzia Law PLLC	Dallas	TX	77
23	Andrew D. Burnham	Husch Blackwell LLP	Chicago	IL	74
24	Melissa R. Smith	Gillam & Smith LLP	Marshall	TX	73

Table 5.2 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	Plaintiff Cases
24	James M. Lennon	Devlin Law Firm	Wilmington	DE	73
26	Gregory Love	Steckler Wayne & Love	Henderson	TX	72
27	John Ward	Miller Fair Henry, PLLC	Longview	TX	71
27	Alex H. Chan	Devlin Law Firm	Wilmington	DE	71
29	Edward L. Bishop	Bishop & Diehl, Ltd.	Schaumburg	IL	63
30	Megan C. Haney	Phillips, McLaughlin & Hall, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	59
31	Benjamin A. Campbell	Bishop & Diehl, Ltd.	Schaumburg	IL	58
32	George Pazuniak	O'Kelly & O'Rourke, LLC	Wilmington	DE	57
33	Wesley Hill	J. Wesley Hill, P.C.	Longview	TX	53
33	Lawrence Jay Crain	Greer, Burns & Crain	Chicago	IL	53
35	Sameul Haque	Haque III Legal Practice, LLC	Schaumburg	IL	52
35	Clifford Henson	Devlin Law Firm	Wilmington	DE	52
37	Stephen B. Brauerman	Bayard, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	50
38	Andrew C. Mayo	Ashby & Geddes	Wilmington	DE	48
39	Ronald P. Golden III	Bayard, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	47
40	John M. Shumaker	Connor Lee & Shumaker	Austin	TX	46
41	Christian Hurt	McKool Smith	Dallas	TX	45
42	Eric H. Findlay	Findlay Craft	Tyler	TX	44
43	David E. Moore	Potter Anderson & Corroon	Wilmington	DE	43
43	Sidney Calvin Capshaw III	Capshaw Derieux	Gladewater	TX	43
45	Kelly E. Farnan	Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	42
46	Bindu A. G. Palapura	Potter Anderson & Corroon	Wilmington	DE	41
47	Michael Carlis Smith	Scheef & Stone, LLP	Lagrange	GA	40
48	Deron R. Dacus	Dacus Law Firm	Tyler	TX	39
48	Robert M. Vrana	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	39
50	Tyler J. Wilson	Davis Firm P.C.	Longview	TX	38
50	Garrett C. Parish	Miller Fair Henry, PLLC	Dallas	TX	38

Table 5.2 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	Plaintiff Cases
52	Rodger D. Smith II	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	35
52	Robert Kiddie	Devlin Law Firm	Wilmington	DE	35
54	Alexandra M. Joyce	McCarter & English	Wilmington	DE	34
55	Daniel M. Silver	McCarter & English	Wilmington	DE	33
55	Craig D. Cherry	Cherry Johnson Siegmund James, PLLC	Waco	TX	33
57	Adam W. Poff	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	32
58	Papool Chaudhari	Chaudhari Law, PLLC	Dallas	TX	31
59	Karen E. Keller	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	30
60	Seth W. Wiener	Law Offices of Seth W. Wiener	San Ramon	CA	29
61	Andrew T. Gorham	Gillam & Smith LLP	Tyler	TX	28
61	Jeremy A. Tigan	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	28
63	Cameron P. Clark	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	27
64	Sara M. Metzler	Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	26
64	Melissa Samano Ruiz	Jackson Walker LLP	Waco	TX	26
64	Berel Yonathan Lakovitsky	Greer, Burns & Crain	Chicago	IL	26
67	Paige Arnette Amstutz	Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP	Austin	TX	25
67	Brian Craft	Findlay Craft	Tyler	TX	25
67	Raymond P. Ausrotas	Arrowood LLP	Boston	MA	25
67	Marcella Slay	Greer, Burns & Crain	Chicago	IL	25
71	Brian P. Egan	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	24
71	John G. Day	Ashby & Geddes	Wilmington	DE	24
73	Alexis Stombaugh	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	23
74	Pilar G. Kraman	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	22
75	Nathan R. Hoeschen	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	20
75	Anthony D. Raucci	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	20
77	Philip A. Rovner	Potter Anderson & Corroon	Wilmington	DE	19

Table 5.2 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Representing Plaintiffs (continued)

Plaintiff Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	Plaintiff Cases
77	Allyson M. Martin	Greer, Burns & Crain	Chicago	IL	19
79	Blake Thompson	Mann Tindel & Thompson	Henderson	TX	18
79	David A. Bilson	Phillips, McLaughlin & Hall, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	18
81	Jennifer O. Ying	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	17
81	Kenneth L. Dorsney	Morris James LLP	Wilmington	DE	17
81	Michael J. Flynn	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	17
81	RiKaleigh Omosheyin	K&L Gates	Chicago	IL	17
85	Travis Underwood	Gillam & Smith LLP	Tyler	TX	16
85	Cortlan S. Hitch	Morris James LLP	Wilmington	DE	16
85	Frederick L. Cottrell III	Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	16
85	Emily S. Dibenedetto	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	16
85	Derek J. Fahnestock	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	16
85	Xiyang Zhang	Stratum Law	Bala Cynwyd	PA	16
91	Mark Mann	Mann Tindel & Thompson	Tyler	TX	15
91	John W. Shaw	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	15
91	Liza M. Walsh	Walsh Pizzi O'Reilly Falanga LLP	Newark	NJ	15
91	Kirby B. Drake	Kirby Drake Law	Dallas	TX	15
91	Todd Y. Brandt	Brandt Law Firm	Houston	TX	15
91	Jennifer V. Nacht	Greer, Burns & Crain	Chicago	IL	15
97	Karen Ann Jacobs	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	14
97	Andrew E. Russell	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	14
97	John P. Palmer	Naman Howell Smith & Lee	Waco	TX	14
100	Jacqueline P. Altman	Naman Howell Smith & Lee	Waco	TX	13
100	Nicole K. Pedi	Potter Anderson & Corroon	Wilmington	DE	13
100	Craig C. Reilly	Law Office Of Craig C. Reilly	Alexandria	VA	13
100	Shawn Latchford	Bruster PLLC	Dallas	TX	13
100	Brian R. Michalek	Saul Ewing LLP	Chicago	IL	13

Table 5.3 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Overall (Representing Plaintiffs and Defendants)

Overall Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	All Cases
1	Melissa R. Smith	Gillam & Smith LLP	Marshall	TX	917
2	Jimmy Chong	Chong Law Firm	Philadelphia	PA	668
3	Deron R. Dacus	Dacus Law Firm	Tyler	TX	387
4	Andrea L. Fair	Miller Fair Henry, PLLC	Longview	TX	340
5	Timothy Devlin	Devlin Law Firm	Wilmington	DE	327
6	Eric H. Findlay	Findlay Craft	Tyler	TX	308
7	Justin R. Gaudio	Greer, Burns & Crain	Chicago	IL	228
8	Brian E. Farnan	Farnan LLP	Wilmington	DE	218
9	Michael J. Farnan	Farnan LLP	Wilmington	DE	201
10	Mark D. Siegmund	Cherry Johnson Siegmund James, PLLC	Waco	TX	187
11	Claire Abernathy Henry	Miller Fair Henry, PLLC	Longview	TX	186
12	Michael E. Jones	Potter Minton	Tyler	TX	176
13	Amy C. Ziegler	Greer, Burns & Crain	Chicago	IL	170
14	Andrew T. Gorham	Gillam & Smith LLP	Tyler	TX	169
15	Paige Arnette Amstutz	Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP	Austin	TX	139
15	Travis Underwood	Gillam & Smith LLP	Tyler	TX	139
17	Shaun William Hassett	Potter Minton	Tyler	TX	137
18	Jeremy D. Anderson	Baker & Hostetler LLP	Wilmington	DE	135
19	Michael Carlis Smith	Scheef & Stone, LLP	Lagrange	GA	130
20	Steven W. Ritcheson	Insight, A Professional Law Corporation	Marina del Rey	CA	128
21	Charles Lewis Ainsworth	Parker, Bunt & Ainsworth, P.C.	Tyler	TX	127
21	Gregory Love	Steckler Wayne & Love	Henderson	TX	127
23	Kelly E. Farnan	Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	126
24	Stafford Davis	The Stafford Davis Firm, PC	Tyler	TX	125

Table 5.3 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Overall (Representing Plaintiffs and Defendants) (continued)

Overall Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	All Cases
24	Catherine S. Bartles	The Stafford Davis Firm, PC	Tyler	TX	125
26	Thomas J. Juettner	Greer, Burns & Crain	Chicago	IL	123
27	Blake Thompson	Mann Tindel & Thompson	Henderson	TX	122
28	Brian Craft	Findlay Craft	Tyler	TX	121
29	Cabrach John Connor	Connor Lee & Shumaker	Austin	TX	109
30	Elizabeth L. Derieux	Capshaw Derieux	Gladewater	TX	108
31	John C. Phillips Jr.	Phillips, McLaughlin & Hall, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	107
32	Bo Davis	Davis Firm P.C.	Longview	TX	106
33	Andrew C. Mayo	Ashby & Geddes	Wilmington	DE	103
33	David E. Moore	Potter Anderson & Corroon	Wilmington	DE	103
35	Bindu A. G. Palapura	Potter Anderson & Corroon	Wilmington	DE	96
35	Jeremy A. Tigan	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	96
37	Wesley Hill	J. Wesley Hill, P.C.	Longview	TX	90
38	Robert C. Bunt	Parker, Bunt & Ainsworth, P.C.	Tyler	TX	89
39	Justin T. Joseph	Greer, Burns & Crain	Glen Ellyn	IL	88
39	Rodger D. Smith II	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	88
41	Mark Mann	Mann Tindel & Thompson	Tyler	TX	86
42	Paul M. Richter Jr.	Devlin Law Firm	New York	NY	82
42	Alexandra M. Joyce	McCarter & English	Wilmington	DE	82
44	Jennifer Parker Ainsworth	Wilson Law Firm	Tyler	TX	81
45	James M. Lennon	Devlin Law Firm	Wilmington	DE	80
45	Karen E. Keller	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	80
47	Bradley Kizzia	Kizzia Law PLLC	Dallas	TX	79
47	Daniel M. Silver	McCarter & English	Wilmington	DE	79
47	Brian P. Egan	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	79
50	Cameron P. Clark	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	78

Table 5.3 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Overall (Representing Plaintiffs and Defendants) (continued)

Overall Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	All Cases
50	Jennifer O. Ying	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	78
52	John Ward	Miller Fair Henry, PLLC	Longview	TX	77
53	Andrew D. Burnham	Husch Blackwell LLP	Chicago	IL	76
54	Megan C. Haney	Phillips, McLaughlin & Hall, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	74
55	Alex H. Chan	Devlin Law Firm	Wilmington	DE	73
56	Robert M. Vrana	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	70
57	Elizabeth M. Chiaviello	Nixon Peabody	Washington	DC	69
58	Kenneth L. Dorsney	Morris James LLP	Wilmington	DE	68
59	Edward L. Bishop	Bishop & Diehl, Ltd.	Schaumburg	IL	66
60	Benjamin A. Campbell	Bishop & Diehl, Ltd.	Schaumburg	IL	64
60	Stephen B. Brauerman	Bayard, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	64
60	Ronald P. Golden III	Bayard, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	64
63	Tyler J. Wilson	Davis Firm P.C.	Longview	TX	60
64	George Pazuniak	O'Kelly & O'Rourke, LLC	Wilmington	DE	59
64	Sara M. Metzler	Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	59
66	Adam W. Poff	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	58
67	Stephen Burbank	Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP	Austin	TX	56
68	Sameeul Haque	Haque III Legal Practice, LLC	Schaumburg	IL	55
68	Karen Ann Jacobs	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	55
70	Lawrence Jay Crain	Greer, Burns & Crain	Chicago	IL	54
70	Clifford Henson	Devlin Law Firm	Wilmington	DE	54
70	Harry Gillam	Gillam & Smith LLP	Marshall	TX	54
73	Steven J. Wingard	Scott, Douglass & McConnico, LLP	Austin	TX	53
73	Jennifer H. Doan	Haltom & Doan	Texarkana	TX	53
75	John M. Shumaker	Connor Lee & Shumaker	Austin	TX	52

Table 5.3 - The 100 Most Active Local Counsel Overall (Representing Plaintiffs and Defendants) (continued)

Overall Activity Rank	Local Counsel	Law Firm	City	State	All Cases
75	Christian Hurt	McKool Smith	Dallas	TX	52
75	Nathan R. Hoeschen	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	52
78	John G. Day	Ashby & Geddes	Wilmington	DE	51
78	Michael J. Flynn	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	51
80	Garrett C. Parish	Miller Fair Henry, PLLC	Dallas	TX	50
80	Andrew E. Russell	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	50
82	Frederick L. Cottrell III	Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.	Wilmington	DE	49
83	Sidney Calvin Capshaw III	Capshaw Derieux	Gladewater	TX	48
84	Cortlan S. Hitch	Morris James LLP	Wilmington	DE	47
84	Andy Tindel	Mann Tindel & Thompson	Tyler	TX	47
84	Anne Shea Gaza	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	47
87	Anthony D. Raucci	Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell	Wilmington	DE	46
88	Philip A. Rovner	Potter Anderson & Corroon	Wilmington	DE	44
89	Pilar G. Kraman	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	43
90	Craig D. Cherry	Cherry Johnson Siegmund James, PLLC	Waco	TX	42
91	Robert Kiddie	Devlin Law Firm	Wilmington	DE	41
91	Alexis Stombaugh	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor	Wilmington	DE	41
91	Emily S. Dibenedetto	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	41
94	Thad Heartfield	The Heartfield Law Firm	Beaumont	TX	39
95	John W. Shaw	Shaw Keller LLP	Wilmington	DE	37
96	John P. Palmer	Naman Howell Smith & Lee	Waco	TX	35
96	Jacqueline P. Altman	Naman Howell Smith & Lee	Waco	TX	35
96	Joshua Reed Thane	Haltom & Doan	Texarkana	TX	35
99	Papool Chaudhari	Chaudhari Law, PLLC	Dallas	TX	34
100	Seth W. Wiener	Law Offices of Seth W. Wiener	San Ramon	CA	33
100	Amy M. Dudash	Morgan Lewis & Bockius	Wilmington	DE	33

Section 06

Judicial 
Performance.

Judicial Performance.

Across the 18,352 patent cases filed between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025, a total of 1,304 judges presided over these matters. Each judge was evaluated using a Judge Score, a metric reflecting the frequency with which a judge ruled in favor of the plaintiff in adjudicated patent cases. Judge Scores ranged from 0, indicating no plaintiff-favorable rulings, to 1, indicating rulings consistently favoring the plaintiff. The average Judge Score was 0.56, suggesting that, on average, adjudicated patent cases had a 56% likelihood of resulting in a plaintiff-favorable decision.

Observation 5

The average Judge Score was 0.56, indicating that, across adjudicated patent cases, there is an overall 56% probability that a ruling will favor the plaintiff.

The Judge Score is calculated based on the final outcomes of adjudicated cases, specifically those categorized as Judgment in PACER, over which a particular judge presided. Scores closer to 1 indicate a higher proportion of adjudicated decisions ruling in

favor of the plaintiff. It is important to note that an individual judge's score may differ from the overall average plaintiff score, as the latter incorporates all plaintiff-favorable outcomes, including settlements, non-adjudicated dismissals, and other case resolutions, as summarized in **Table 7.2**.

A judge's score, whether 1.0 (all adjudicated decisions favoring the plaintiff), 0.5 (an equal split between plaintiff- and defendant-favorable rulings), or 0 (all adjudicated decisions favoring the defendant), should not be interpreted as evidence of bias or predisposition. Rather, these scores reflect the specific mix, characteristics, and outcomes of the cases adjudicated by each judge and do not imply any personal inclination toward either party.

Table 6.1 presents an overview of the 100 most active judges in patent litigation, along with their corresponding Judge Scores. The data reveals a substantial disparity in case-loads: the six most active judges each presided over more than 400 cases during the review period, while 316 judges handled only a single case.

Table 6.1 - The 100 Most Active Judges

Judge	Case (Unique)	Patents (Unique)	Judge Score (Avg)
1,304	18,352	17,811	56.00%
Rodney Gilstrap	2,587	3,371	65.00%
Alan D. Albright	2,425	2,958	41.00%
Maryellen Noreika	590	837	60.00%

Table 6.1 - The 100 Most Active Judges (continued)

Judge	Case (Unique)	Patents (Unique)	Judge Score (Avg)
Richard G. Andrews	499	805	50.00%
Colm F. Connolly	441	639	35.00%
Roy S. Payne	426	734	41.00%
Robert W. Schroeder III	338	656	67.00%
David Counts	301	222	
Gregory B. Williams	262	545	0.00%
Amos L. Mazzant III	259	252	100.00%
Robert Pitman	210	420	43.00%
Sean D. Jordan	208	264	20.00%
Leonard P. Stark	197	281	67.00%
Jennifer L. Hall	180	419	0.00%
John W. Holcomb	139	272	50.00%
Christopher J. Burke	135	241	25.00%
Michael S. Nachmanoff	116	149	29.00%
Susan Gregory Van Keulen	114	199	50.00%
John A. Kronstadt	110	181	56.00%
Andre Birotte Jr.	106	318	64.00%
David A. Ezra	105	205	
Jon S. Tigar	100	142	38.00%
George H. Wu	98	221	69.00%
Mark C. Scarsi	97	216	40.00%
Edward J. Davila	90	173	29.00%
Amos L. Mazzant	81	159	
Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers	77	125	71.00%

Table 6.1 - The 100 Most Active Judges (continued)

Judge	Case (Unique)	Patents (Unique)	Judge Score (Avg)
Haywood S. Gilliam Jr.	77	94	17.00%
Matthew F. Kennelly	74	149	87.00%
Xavier Rodriguez	72	110	0.00%
James Donato	71	112	50.00%
Orlando L. Garcia	71	63	50.00%
Beth Labson Freeman	70	84	33.00%
Vince Chhabria	67	91	40.00%
Sara L. Ellis	67	69	94.00%
Vacant Judgeship	66	80	100.00%
Martha M. Pacold	66	79	90.00%
James V. Selna	65	124	100.00%
John F. Kness	61	73	100.00%
William H. Wright	60	135	0.00%
Franklin U. Valderrama	59	136	93.00%
John Robert Blakey	57	82	86.00%
Jorge L. Alonso	56	116	85.00%
Mary M. Rowland	55	93	92.00%
Fred Biery	55	76	0.00%
John J. Tharp Jr.	54	71	65.00%
Andrea R. Wood	54	89	100.00%
Manish S. Shah	52	62	88.00%
David C. Godbey	51	113	100.00%
David O. Carter	50	90	50.00%
Cormac J. Carney	50	70	100.00%

Table 6.1 - The 100 Most Active Judges (continued)

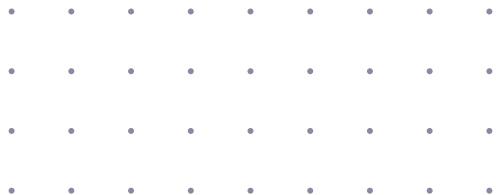
Judge	Case (Unique)	Patents (Unique)	Judge Score (Avg)
Steven C. Seeger	49	72	80.00%
Barbara M. G. Lynn	49	72	50.00%
Virginia K. Demarchi	48	65	0.00%
Lee Yeakel	47	94	67.00%
Lee H. Rosenthal	47	66	50.00%
Kathleen Cardone	47	41	14.00%
Thomas M. Durkin	46	64	94.00%
Edmond E. Chang	45	67	78.00%
Ivan D. Davis	45	112	0.00%
Jason K. Pulliam	45	69	0.00%
Karen Gren Scholer	45	81	50.00%
Alia Moses	45	68	
Ed Kinkeade	44	123	
Sharon Johnson Coleman	44	68	100.00%
Araceli Martinez-Olguin	44	51	0.00%
George C. Hanks Jr.	43	75	
Jacqueline Scott Corley	42	63	17.00%
Ada Brown	42	110	100.00%
Jeffrey S. White	41	70	0.00%
Keith P. Ellison	40	95	50.00%
Sunil R. Harjani	40	66	100.00%
Brantley Starr	40	62	0.00%
LaShonda A. Hunt	39	46	91.00%
Jeffrey I Cummings	37	49	100.00%
Virginia M. Kendall	36	52	100.00%

Table 6.1 - The 100 Most Active Judges (continued)

Judge	Case (Unique)	Patents (Unique)	Judge Score (Avg)
P. Casey Pitts	36	73	0.00%
Charles Eskridge	35	81	100.00%
Darrin P. Gayles	35	79	67.00%
Sam A. Lindsay	35	75	
Lindsay C. Jenkins	35	54	75.00%
Elaine E. Bucklo	34	47	100.00%
Docket - Austin II	34	113	
Edward M. Chen	33	71	0.00%
Richard Seeborg	32	36	0.00%
Jennifer Choe-Groves	32	155	0.00%
Thomas S. Hixson	31	61	14.00%
William Alsup	31	78	7.00%
Josephine L. Staton	31	100	50.00%
Alfred H. Bennett	31	56	0.00%
Michael J. Truncale	31	23	0.00%
Joan B. Gottschall	31	33	83.00%
Trina L. Thompson	31	71	0.00%
Rita F. Lin	31	70	0.00%
John F. Murphy	30	89	
Donna M. Ryu	30	39	25.00%
Gary R. Brown	30	85	50.00%
Nathanael M. Cousins	29	47	0.00%
James L. Robart	29	60	67.00%
Jane J. Boyle	29	55	0.00%

Section 07

Ranking



Methodology.

Ranking Methodology.

Drawing on our previous work covering CAFC, PTAB litigation, patent and trademark prosecution, ITC Section 337 investigations, and ANDA matters, we have continued to work closely with practitioners and other members of the IP community to develop practical and balanced approaches for evaluating activ-

ity and performance in district court patent litigation. Our methodology is not static. It is reviewed and adjusted on an ongoing basis, informed by our expanding data set, real-world experience, and feedback received from attorneys, firms, and other stakeholders across the patent ecosystem.

General Considerations

Before outlining the details of our ranking methodology, we assume readers are familiar with the basics of patent litigation in U.S. District Courts. Key strategic considerations in this area often include choosing the appropriate venue, addressing challenges before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), and deciding whether to coordinate International Trade Commission (ITC) Section 337 investigations with district court actions (see, for example, [Patexia Insight 44](#)). While our [IP Insight Intelligence Reports](#) have examined a wide range of topics, including [PTAB](#) pro-

ceedings, [ITC Section 337](#) investigations, [ANDA](#) litigation, and appeals to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ([CAFC](#)), this report is focused solely on district court patent litigation. In such cases, a plaintiff typically initiates litigation seeking injunctive relief or damages, alleging that a defendant has manufactured, imported, sold, or used products that infringe the plaintiff's patents. This report offers a detailed review of these proceedings, providing insight into the practical and procedural aspects of district court patent cases.

Scoring and Refining PACER Statuses Classification

Patent cases that concluded during the study period are grouped according to the official case status categories used by PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records). These classifications help clarify how the cases reviewed in this report were resolved

and provide important context for interpreting their outcomes (see [Table 7.1](#)). They also form the basis for analyzing and comparing the different ways patent litigation matters reached resolution throughout the study period.

Listed PACER Outcome
Judgment - Judgment on Consent
Judgment - Motion Before Trial
Judgment - Court Trial
Judgment - Judgment on Default
Judgment - Other
Dismissed - Voluntarily
Dismissed - Settled
Dismissed - Other
Dismissed - Lack of Jurisdiction
Dismissed - Want of Prosecution
Transfer/Remand - MDL Transfer
Statistical Closing
Non-reportable Closing

Table 7.1 – PACER Outcome Classifications for patent cases

Although PACER assigns a wide range of status labels to patent cases filed between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025, many of these labels do not clearly indicate how a case ultimately concluded or which party prevailed. To overcome this shortcoming, we designed a unified scoring framework that allows outcomes to be assessed in a consistent and balanced manner across all participants. This framework was developed through:

- 1 Manually reviewing case judgment decisions** across various PACER categories.
- 2 Reassessing and reclassifying PACER outcomes** into a more practical framework and point system that better reflects the real-world results for parties, their legal representatives, and judges.

The finalized scoring system, defined in part by feedback from experienced practitio-

ners, is presented in **Table 7.2** along with a detailed explanation of how the scores are applied. Input from attorneys across our network helped ground the methodology in real-world litigation practice and highlighted

considerations that are not always evident from docket data alone. We are grateful to the legal professionals who shared their time, insights, and practical experience in support of this work.

Outcome	Plaintiff	Defendant	Plain. Atty/ Firm	Def. Atty/ Firm	Judge
Judgment - Defendant Wins	0	1	0	1	0
Judgment - Plaintiff Wins	1	0	1	0	1
Judgment - Settlement (Confidential)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	-
Judgment - Partial Win for Both	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Judgment - Voluntarily Dismissed by Party(ies)	0.25	0.75	0.25	0.75	-
Dismissed - Voluntarily	0.25	0.75	0.25	0.75	-
Dismissed - Settled (no IPR petition)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	-
Dismissed - Settled (IPR denied)	0.75	0.25	0.75	0.25	-
Dismissed - Settled (IPR, settled pre-Institution)	0.25	0.75	0.25	0.75	-
Dismissed - Settled (IPR, settled post-Institution, pre-trial)	0.25	0.75	0.25	0.75	-
Dismissed - Settled (IPR, < 50% claims survive)	0.25	0.75	0.25	0.75	-
Dismissed - Settled (IPR, > 50% claims survive)	0.75	0.25	0.75	0.25	-
Dismissed - Other	0.25	0.75	0.25	0.75	-
Dismissed - Lack of Jurisdiction	0	1	0	1	-
Dismissed - Want of Prosecution	0	1	0	1	-
Transfer/Remand - MDL Transfer	-	-	-	-	-
Statistical Closing	-	-	-	-	-
Non-reportable closing	-	-	-	-	-

Table 7.2 – Patent Case Outcomes and Scores Applied

All five PACER “Judgment” categories (highlighted in yellow in **Table 7.1**) required manual examination, as the category labels alone often failed to clearly indicate whether the outcome favored the plaintiff or the defendant. To ensure accurate classification, we reviewed the underlying case documents for every matter in these categories that was filed between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2025, and had a recorded decision in PACER as of December 1, 2025, when the review was conducted.

The remaining PACER classifications did not necessitate manual review for the following reasons:

- 1 **Fair and Consistent Scoring:** Cases in these categories could be scored accurately using the available PACER designations.
- 2 **Confidential Settlements:** Settlement terms in many cases are confidential, limiting the additional insights gained through manual review.
- 3 **High Volume:** The sheer number of cases terminated in these other categories during the study period rendered manual review impractical.

Based on this manual review, we reclassified PACER “Judgment” cases into five new outcome categories that better reflect concrete results (highlighted in yellow in **Table 7.2**). These classifications were determined through close review of the underlying filings and were designed to capture outcomes that represent a meaningful result, or “win”, for either the plaintiff or the defendant.

Each reclassified outcome was then assigned a corresponding score based on our evaluation of the case records. In developing these scores, we also incorporated guidance from experienced practitioners in

our legal network to better calculate relative success and involvement across companies, attorneys, law firms, and judges participating in the litigation.

Judgment - Plaintiff or Defendant Wins:

In adjudicated cases where the judgment or decision explicitly favored either the plaintiff (e.g., infringement or injunction) or the defendant (e.g., non-infringement or a successful motion to dismiss), scoring was straightforward:

- **Plaintiff Victory:** The plaintiff received 1 point (Judgment - Plaintiff Wins), while the defendant received 0 points.
- **Defendant Victory:** The defendant received 1 point (Judgment - Defendant Wins), while the plaintiff received 0 points.

The attorneys and law firms representing each party were assigned scores identical to their clients, as their efforts were instrumental in achieving these outcomes. Likewise, the judges presiding over these cases were also scored based on their decisions, with 1 point awarded for rulings favoring the plaintiff and 0 points for decisions favoring the defendant. This consistent scoring methodology ensured an equitable reflection of the contributions and outcomes for all involved parties.

Judgment - Settlement (Confidential):

Cases resolved through a confidential settlement agreement were assigned a neutral score of 0.5/0.5 for all involved parties (Judgment - Settlement (Confidential)). This equal scoring reflected the undisclosed nature of settlement terms, which made it impossible to determine a clear prevailing party. Judges were not assigned scores in these instances, as their involvement did not result in a definitive ruling on the merits of the case.

Judgment - Partial Win for Both:

In many cases, complaints included multiple

counts. While most judgments favored one side across all counts, there were instances of mixed judgments where the defendant prevailed on some counts and the plaintiff on others. In such cases, where no clear winner could be determined, a neutral score of 0.5/0.5 was assigned to all parties involved.

Judgment - Voluntarily Dismissed by Party(ies):

Cases classified under the PACER Judgment category and concluded through a voluntary motion to dismiss by the plaintiff were scored as 0.25 for the Plaintiff and 0.75 for the Defendant (Judgment - Voluntarily Dismissed by Party(ies)). This scoring approach reflects the assumption that, in most instances, plaintiffs may gain some tangible yet typically undisclosed advantage from the dismissal. As a result, these cases were not penalized as severely as a loss on the merits, which would have been scored as 0 for the Plaintiff and 1 for the Defendant.

Dismissed - Voluntarily:

The dismissal status originates from the original PACER Judgment category, which we retained as one of our newly reclassified categories (**Table 7.2**). To determine the scoring criteria for this category, we engaged with our community of patent attorneys. These cases often imply undisclosed settlements or agreements, suggesting that the plaintiff may have achieved some form of benefit. The majority of attorneys recommended assigning a score of 0.25 to Plaintiffs and 0.75 to Defendants for this category, as reflected in **Table 7.2**.

Dismissed - Other:

The "Dismissed - Other" category was another scorable classification that transitioned directly from the original PACER categories to our scoring system. Similar to the "Dismissed - Voluntarily" category discussed earlier, we assigned a score of

0.25/0.75 to Plaintiffs and Defendants, along with their legal representatives (highlighted in red in **Tables 7.1** and **7.2**). These cases were typically dismissed following a motion filed by the plaintiff but were not explicitly categorized by PACER as voluntary dismissals.

Additionally, three other categories transitioned directly from PACER but were deemed non-scorable, as they represented administrative closures or procedural transfers (highlighted in green in **Tables 7.1** and **7.2**):

- **Transfer/Remand - MDL Transfer**
- **Statistical Closing**
- **Non-reportable Closing**

Dismissed - Settled:

The final original PACER category requiring attention is "Dismissed - Settled" (highlighted in gray in **Table 7.1**). Following consultations and surveys conducted within our esteemed legal community, these cases were further analyzed, classified, and scored based on their association with related inter-partes review (IPR) cases, as shown in **Table 7.2** (highlighted in gray).

As previously discussed in [Patexia Insight 44](#), over 80% of IPR filings are defensive in nature, initiated either directly by defendants or indirectly by third parties aiming to challenge the validity of the asserted patents (e.g., filings by Unified Patents or RPX Corporations). The outcomes of these IPR proceedings often play a pivotal role in shaping settlement negotiations between the parties, influencing the terms of resolution.

For this reason, all "Dismissed - Settled" cases were scored in alignment with the outcomes of their corresponding IPR proceedings, as detailed below:

Dismissed - Settled (no IPR filed):

In cases where none of the patents involved were addressed by an IPR petition, we assigned an equal score of 0.5/0.5 to both parties, reflecting the absence of any influence from an IPR proceeding on the settlement outcome.

Dismissed - Settled (IPR denied):

When an IPR is submitted but the institution is denied, it generally indicates that the PTAB panel found the challenged claims likely to withstand IPR scrutiny based on the prior art. As a result, settlements in such patent litigation cases may suggest favorable terms for the plaintiff, given the patent's survival through the IPR process. In these situations, we assigned points with a 0.75/0.25 split, favoring the plaintiff.

Dismissed - Settled (before the institution of IPR):

When cases settle before the institution phase, the implications can vary. It might suggest that the patent holder (plaintiff) recognized a limited chance of success and sought to minimize losses, or it could reflect early negotiations that resulted in a royalty agreement with the defendant. Given the lack of concrete evidence, it is difficult to draw definitive conclusions. Initially, we considered treating these cases like other settlement agreements, splitting the points equally (0.5/0.5) between the plaintiff and defendant. However, after surveying respondents, a preference emerged for a 0.25/0.75 split in favor of the defendant. As a result,

this scoring criterion was adopted for this category.

Dismissed - Settled (after the institution of IPR):

When a case settles after the IPR institution phase, it typically indicates strong prior art, implying that the patent owner and their legal team might anticipate an unfavorable outcome if the IPR proceeds. In these situations, the settlement of the patent case often suggests more favorable terms for the defendant. As a result, we decided to allocate points with a split of 0.25/0.75 in favor of the defendant.

Dismissed - Settled (less than 50% of the claims challenged in the IPR survived)

In cases where the majority of challenged claims in an Inter Partes Review (IPR) are invalidated (i.e., fewer than 50% survive), we infer that the settlement terms likely favored the defendant. Therefore, we allocate points with a 0.25/0.75 split in favor of the defendant.

Dismissed - Settled (more than 50% of the claims challenged in the IPR survived)

When an Inter Partes Review (IPR) concludes with a final written decision, we evaluate the survival rate of the challenged claims. If more than 50% of the claims survive, indicating a favorable outcome for the Plaintiff, we allocate points with a 0.75/0.25 split in favor of the Plaintiff. This distribution reflects the increased likelihood that the patents remain valid and enforceable, benefiting the Plaintiff.

Other Considerations

In the majority of patent cases involving a single plaintiff and a single defendant, outcomes are generally clear and easy to attribute. More complex situations arise in cases with multiple parties, where outcomes may

be consistent across parties on the same side or, in some instances, administratively split into separate matters. When such divisions occur, we are able to evaluate and score each party individually.

Like any analytical framework, this scoring approach is subject to practical limits, driven by the level of detail available in court records and the inherent complexity of certain case resolutions. That said, the guiding principle across all of our Intelligence Reports, including this one, has been to apply a methodology that is both fair and consistent. We take care not to over-penalize or over-reward participants when their direct impact on a specific outcome cannot be clearly determined. Instead, our objective is to accurately reflect each participant's involvement and allow them to attain the highest score reasonably supported by the data.

After extensive internal review and multiple rounds of feedback from practitioners in our expert community, gathered through surveys and direct discussions, the scoring framework presented in **Table 7.2** was selected as the most balanced and reliable option. These metrics are applied uniformly to companies, attorneys and law firms, and judges, using the best information available from the case records. Once points were assigned in accordance with **Table 7.2**, we calculated the resulting Activity, Success, and Performance Scores and Rankings for all participants.

Automated Case Status Detection

In many instances, PACER records list a termination date for a case without providing a corresponding status that explains how the matter concluded. To resolve this gap, we developed an automated process that determines case outcomes by reviewing documents filed around the time of termination. Using natural language analysis and supporting analytical methods, the system evaluates the content and context of these filings to infer the most accurate case status.

This approach not only fills in missing status information but also identifies and corrects situations where the recorded PACER status conflicts with the substance of the underlying filings. The result is a more accurate and dependable record of case terminations. By improving the reliability of outcome data, this process strengthens the quality of our analysis and contributes to clearer, more trustworthy patent litigation records.

Activity Score

In our analysis, we've observed that a single plaintiff with a limited number of patents can file lawsuits against hundreds of companies. Interestingly, while having more defendants generally increases the workload for the plaintiff, this increase does not scale proportionally with the number of cases filed using the same patents. In contrast, the number of patents involved directly correlates with the workload managed by each party or their representatives.

To assess an entity's activity, we consider two key factors: the number of unique cases and the number of unique patents involved. Therefore, our Activity Score is calculated based on both the total number of unique cases and unique patents filed within the report's timeframe, in which the company, attorney, or firm acted as a Plaintiff, Defendant, or both. This score is computed as a weighted average of cases and patents involved. Our approach, endorsed by the expert community, is considered

the fairest method to assess activity, taking into account the influence of both case count and patent count on workload.

We applied a higher weight to more recent cases by using a weighted scale. This accounts for the possibility that some firms may have been more active in past years than currently, ensuring a ranking system that reflects recent activity levels.

Rather than using a linear scale, we implemented a logarithmic scale for calculating the activity score. A linear scale assigns scores based on a direct proportion to the value being measured. For example, if one firm files twice as many cases as another, it would receive twice the score. However, in the patent litigation landscape, the number of cases filed can vary greatly, which can result in large disparities between firms. The logarithmic scale reduces these disparities by assigning scores based on the

logarithm of the value being measured. This ensures that the difference in scores between firms decreases as the number of cases increases, providing a more accurate and fair representation of activity levels.

Judges' Activity Scores are calculated similarly, but they are based on all cases over which they presided. These scores are not separated by Plaintiff or Defendant cases and reflect the overall caseload they have handled.

All participants, including companies, attorneys, firms, and judges, received Activity Scores ("Activity Score" in the tables) and Activity Ranks ("Activity Rank" in the tables) based on this model, applied to the period from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2024. This methodology ensures that activity levels are accurately measured, providing a consistent and equitable way to rank participants in patent litigation.

Success Score

Plaintiffs and defendants were scored based on the outcomes of cases they were involved in, as detailed in **Table 7.2**.

Plaintiff Success and Defendant Success scores are calculated by aggregating the total points earned in cases where an entity acted as either Plaintiff or Defendant. These scores are then divided by the total number of scorable cases and expressed as percentages (multiplied by 100). Overall Success score is determined by considering all cases collectively, whether the entity acted as Plaintiff or Defendant. Rankings ("Success Rank" in the Tables) were assigned based on these success scores.

To improve the accuracy of success rate calculations, we employed a refined method

that considers the likelihood of winning all cases rather than merely averaging the success rates. This adjustment accounts for the higher difficulty faced by entities dealing with a larger volume of cases. By evaluating the total activity level of an entity, we not only consider the number of cases won but also estimate the probability of winning across all cases. This method offers a more nuanced and fair representation of an entity's performance, especially for those managing higher case volumes.

Key Point 1

The closer a Judge's score is to 1, the more they decided in favor of the Plaintiff.

A score of exactly 0.5 would reflect a perfectly "neutral" Judge.

Attorneys and firms were assessed based on their role in the cases (as Plaintiff or Defendant) and their influence on the case outcome. Scores and rankings were determined for scorable outcomes where they played a substantial role, as shown in **Table 7.2**.

For judges, scores were allocated based on case outcomes in which they directly participated. A judge's score was assigned as follows:

- 0 for Defendant wins

- 1 for Plaintiff wins

Thus, a judge's score closer to 1 indicates a higher frequency of rulings favoring the Plaintiff.

This comprehensive evaluation methodology ensures that both individual performance and the broader context of each case are fairly represented, leading to a more accurate and balanced ranking of participants in patent litigation.

Performance Score

To enhance the accuracy and fairness of our evaluations, we introduced a Performance Score as a weighted average of the Activity Score and Success Score (win percentage). This new metric addresses the challenge that sustained high activity may lower performance over time due to the law of averages, making direct comparisons of success scores across entities with varying case volumes misleading. By combining activity and success, the Performance Score offers a more balanced evaluation, ensuring that entities with high case volume are not unfairly penalized and accounting for their success in litigation. It highlights attorneys, law firms, and companies that excel not only in experience, reflected by their activity

level, but also in achieving favorable outcomes. This comprehensive approach provides a more accurate and fair ranking, distinguishing top performers who demonstrate both significant involvement and successful results in patent litigation.

Key Point 2

The Performance Score ranks companies, attorneys, and firms by combining their Activity and Success metrics. This composite score answers a key question: which entities—whether attorneys, firms, or companies—have demonstrated a balance of significant activity and strong success in patent litigation?

Normalization Using Machine Learning

Measuring success in patent litigation is inherently difficult. Case outcomes are influenced by a wide range of variables, including the strength of legal arguments, judicial decisions, the patents at issue, technical subject matter, and the experience and strategies of the attorneys, firms, and companies involved. Isolating the contribution of

any single participant within a given case is especially challenging, as these factors are often interdependent. To address this challenge, we rely on large, structured datasets drawn from multiple patent litigation sources and apply advanced analytical methods to evaluate performance with a high degree of precision.

Our methodology for calculating Success Scores is designed to prioritize consistency and objectivity. To reduce the impact of external influences, such as the actions of co-parties, opposing counsel, or case-specific judicial factors, we use an analytical framework that evaluates each participant independently. This framework adjusts results across all parties involved in a case, allowing us to account for differences in case complexity, posture, and outcome. By doing so, the resulting scores better reflect an individual company's, attorney's, or firm's contribution, rather than the broader circumstances surrounding a particular dispute.

These metrics are not intended to serve as judgments on the overall quality, reputation, or competence of any attorney, law firm, company, or judge. Even highly capable professionals may experience unfavorable outcomes due to factors outside their control, and attorneys frequently take on matters with uncertain prospects as part of their role. For this reason, we strongly advise readers to treat these rankings as one input among many and to conduct their own evaluation, through research, discussions, and interviews, when selecting legal counsel or assessing litigation strategy.



Appendix.

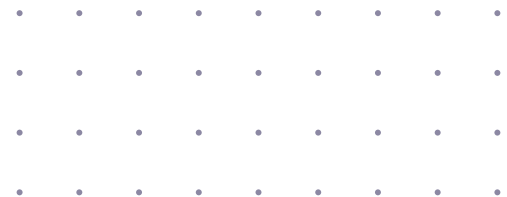
Appendix A: Sources of Data.

Data forms the fundamental and indispensable element of any data-driven analysis. Consequently, the collection of this data from reliable sources and ensuring its integrity are important considerations for us at Patexia. Our raw data is sourced from multiple outlets, including:

- Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER)
- Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) Database
- United States Patent and Trademark (USPTO) Patent Database
- US Patent Classification Database
- Self-reported by attorneys named on the case

For this particular release, we have focused on the last five years (July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025) in our analysis. While the inevitability of errors, such as typos in legal documents, exists, the task of cleaning and organizing attorney data poses an even greater challenge due to factors like attorneys changing firms, not updating their information, and using different variations of their names.

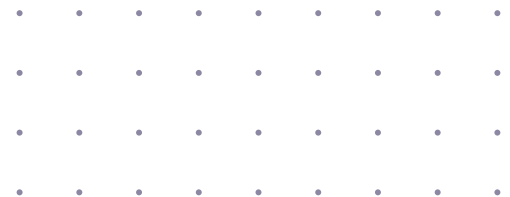
To address these challenges, our engineering team has implemented sophisticated machine learning and natural language processing techniques to identify correct matches for various occurrences of the same name. To further enhance accuracy, we conduct manual reviews of suspicious matches. Additionally, we host profile pages for over 150,000 attorneys and agents, enabling them to directly review and add missing cases to our database.



Appendix B: Stats for Plaintiffs and Defendants.

Please refer to the accompanying Excel file for statistics related to the top 1,000 most active plaintiffs and defendants involved in one or more patent cases filed during the period of our study. The spreadsheet includes the following information for each of the companies:

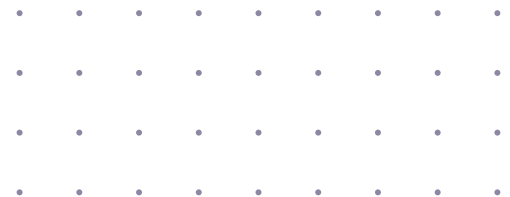
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- Overall Activity Rank 2025
- Overall Performance Rank 2025
- Defendant Activity Rank 2025
- Defendant Performance Rank 2025
- Plaintiff Activity Rank 2025
- Plaintiff Performance Rank 2025
- Top 3 Law Firms (Case Count)



Appendix C: Stats for Patent Litigation Firms.

Please refer to the accompanying Excel file for statistics related to the top 1,000 most active law firms involved in one or more patent cases filed during the period of our study. The spreadsheet includes the following information for each of the companies:

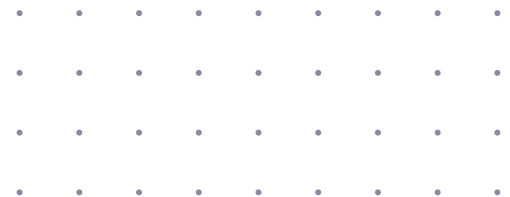
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- Defendant Performance Score
- Plaintiff Performance Score
- Overall Activity Rank 2025
- Overall Performance Rank 2025
- Defendant Activity Rank 2025
- Defendant Performance Rank 2025
- Plaintiff Activity Rank 2025
- Plaintiff Performance Rank 2025
- Top 3 Clients (Case Count)



Appendix D: Stats for Attorneys.

See the attached Excel file for the stats related to the top 1,000 most active patent litigators. The spreadsheet covers the following information for each of the attorneys:

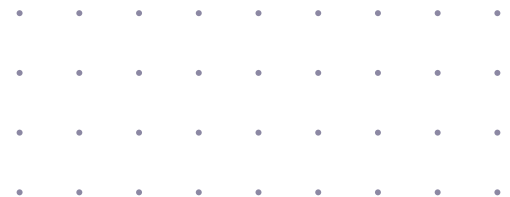
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- Overall Activity Rank 2025
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- Defendant Activity Rank 2025
- Defendant Performance Rank 2025
- Plaintiff Activity Rank 2025
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- Top 3 Clients (Case Count)



Appendix E: Stats for Local Counsel.

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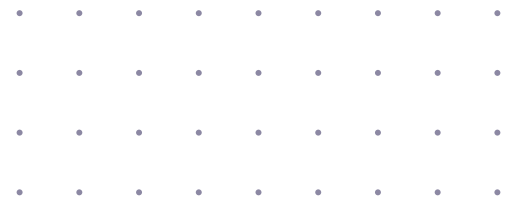
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- Law Firm with link to Patexia Page
- City
- State
- Overall Activity Rank
- Defendant Activity Rank
- Plaintiff Activity Rank
- All Cases
- Defendant Cases
- Plaintiff Cases
- Top 3 Clients (Case Count)



Appendix F: Stats for District Court Judges.

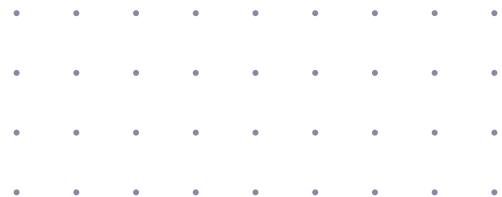
See the attached Excel file for the stats related to the 1,304 District Court judges. The spreadsheet covers the following information for each of the judges:

- Judge's name
- Case (Unique)
- Patents (Unique)
- Judge's score (Avg)



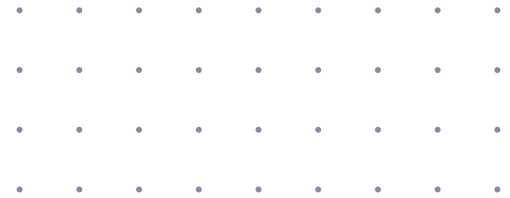
Appendix G: Best Performing and Most Active Badges.

In keeping with tradition, Patexia designs two categories of badges for the best performing and most active law firms/attorneys (Defendant, Plaintiff, and overall) each year. These badges are only granted to firms and attorneys that are ranked in the top 100 and opt to purchase the report. [Concierge Members](#) will automatically receive the badges if they are ranked among the top 100.



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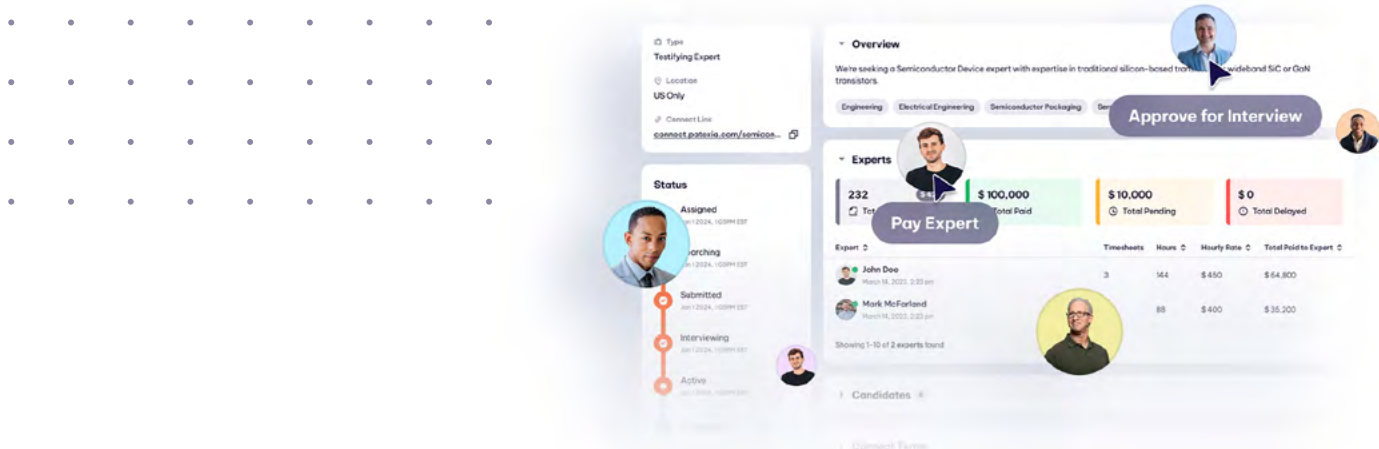
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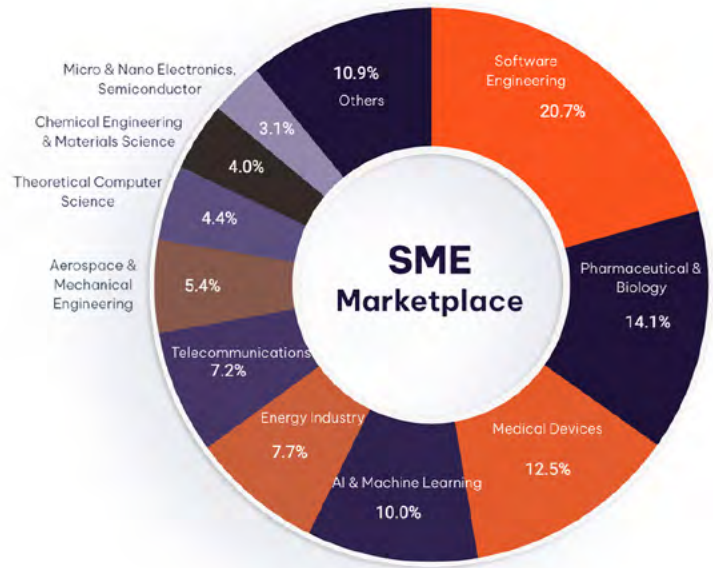
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