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John Keville is the Office Managing Partner for the firm's Houston office, and is a partner in the Intellectual Property Practice Group.

Areas of Practice

John has been lead trial counsel in patent litigation matters in a number of technologies, including mechanical and chemical oilfield technologies, electronic devices, software and web-based technologies, and digital signal processing. He has tried a broad range of cases to juries, judges, and arbitration panels, representing both plaintiffs and defendants, and has argued appeals to U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the Fifth Circuit. In 2021, his teams obtained two jury verdicts of patent validity, infringement, and willful infringement in plaintiff's patent cases, and twice received mentions in *The American Lawyer* Litigator of the Week. John has litigated patent-related antitrust cases, including cases involving failure to disclose patents to standard-setting organizations and Walker Process antitrust claims. He has also been lead counsel in a number of technology-driven litigations, including obtaining a top-ten national verdict in a 2015 trade secret case, and other cases related to the Internet involving trespass, the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA), and the free speech rights of Internet posters.

He also counsels clients on intellectual property enforcement and procurement matters, litigation strategy, settlement negotiations, and licensing.

Helping others *pro bono*, John has been lead counsel in a number of significant cases, including defending the rights of disabled students and employees, and obtaining permanent injunctive relief providing Covid protection to geriatric prisoners with co-morbidities.

Honors

Top Tier Intellectual Property Litigator, *Chambers USA*, 2007-2022

Texas Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers*, 2007-2022

IP Star, *Managing Intellectual Property*, 2013 to present

Best Lawyers in America, Intellectual Property and Patent Litigation, *Best Lawyers*, 2011-2023

"Key Lawyer" for Patents: Litigation and Energy Litigation: Oil and Gas, *The Legal 500 U.S.*, 2021

The World's Leading Patent Professionals, *IAM Patent 1000*, 2021-2022

Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation*, 2020-2023

"Lawyer of the Year" Litigation: IP - Houston, *Best Lawyers in America*, 2018

Experience

John's experience includes numerous jury and bench trials before federal and state court judges.

Memberships

American Bar Association

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Houston Bar Association

Houston Intellectual Property Law Association

Sustaining Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

Dean's Advisory Board, NYIT

Board of Directors, Trees For Houston

Practices

Antitrust and Competition

Intellectual Property

Patent Litigation

Education

J.D., St. John's University, 1995

B.S., New York Institute of Technology, 1988

Admissions

Texas

Patent and Trademark Office