



Intellectual Property Litigation

At Williams Mullen, we enforce and protect our clients' valuable products and brands in infringement and enforcement disputes in federal and state court, before the International Trade Commission (ITC) and in post-grant proceedings, including *Inter Partes* Review (IPR) proceedings, before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). We also frequently represent clients in the Eastern District of Virginia and in other preferred venues for IP disputes, including the District of Delaware and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Our patent litigation team, comprised of highly experienced litigation and technical attorneys, has represented clients in matters related to computer software and hardware, telecommunications, biologics & pharmaceuticals, mechanical technologies, consumer products and chemical arts. We take a strategic and practical approach to each matter in pursuing our clients' goals in complex and high-stakes cases.

A Team of IP Law and IP Litigation Experts

Our team's abilities in particular areas of intellectual property law are complemented by the breadth of our knowledge and experience in [franchise and licensing](#) matters; [bankruptcy law](#); and [trade secret, antitrust](#), defamation, conspiracy and unfair competition claims and matters before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Our experience and capabilities include substantial engagements in the following areas:

- Patent, trademark and copyright infringement litigation.
- Trade secret misappropriation and unfair competition litigation.
- Antitrust and unfair trade practices litigation.
- Section 337 trade litigation before the International Trade Commission.
- [AIA and *Inter Partes* Review proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.](#)
- *Inter partes* proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.
- State and federal court litigation involving claims of breach of technology contracts and engagements.
- Ex parte patent reexaminations before the USPTO.
- Ex parte appeals from decisions of the USPTO.

A Creative, Effective Approach to IP Litigation Strategies

Williams Mullen IP attorneys design creative and effective litigation strategies that meet our clients' business goals while also protecting their proprietary technology and rights. Whatever the engagement, our goal is the same — to understand our client's needs and goals fully; to evaluate and advise our

clients with respect to relevant litigation decisions and their implications; and to assist our clients in developing and implementing creative strategies to meet those needs and goals in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

AIA and *Inter Partes* Review Proceedings

Our attorneys have represented both patent owners and petitioners throughout all stages of *inter partes* reviews before the PTAB. Our experience includes preparing petitions and patent owner statements, conducting document discovery, taking/defending depositions, addressing motions to amend, handling hearings before the PTAB, filing and responding to requests for reconsideration and representing parties on appeal to the Federal Circuit. In addition, we have extensive experience addressing complex issues concerning privity and the joinder of multiple parties and proceedings. We have represented clients before the PTAB in technologies including medical devices, mechanical technologies, optical fibers, graphics processing units (GPUs), targeted online advertising, cloud-based file storage, audio codecs and network communications.

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