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OVERVIEW

Matthew Blair is an associate and a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation practice group. With a background in physics, Matthew brings genuine technical fluency to complex patent disputes, having worked across a broad range of technologies including life sciences, immersion cooling, computer bus standards, cable internet/television, photovoltaic systems, and 4G and 5G cellular networks. That background, paired with first-hand trial experience, allows him to translate dense technical records into clear, persuasive arguments for judges and juries.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Matthew practiced patent litigation at another international firm, representing both plaintiffs and defendants in patent litigation and breach-of-license disputes. At K&L Gates, Matthew has continued building that practice while expanding into patent post-grant proceedings, International Trade Commission investigations, and trademark and trade secret litigation.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

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

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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

EDUCATION

- J.D., Duke University School of Law, 2018

- B.A., Baylor University, 2015 (*Physics*)

ADMISSIONS

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

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Life Sciences
- Technology

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented a clear aligner company in an International Trade Commission investigation brought by a competitor, including through the evidentiary hearing and post-hearing briefing.
- Represented a large brokerage firm in a three-week jury trial involving claims of patent infringement brought by an independent software vendor.
- Represented a large pharmaceutical company in multiple litigation and licensing matters involving client's patents related to cancer screening dyes; helped client obtain emergency injunctive relief.
- Represented a technology R&D company in asserting patents related to cable Internet/television against multiple cable providers and in post-grant proceedings involving the same patents.
- Represented a large computer manufacturer against patent infringement claims related to client's use of PCI Express serial buses, including through summary judgment.
- Represented an immersion cooling solutions company in district court patent litigation against a competitor, including through summary judgment.
- Represented an energy solutions company against patent infringement claims related to solar power inverters, involving district court litigation and *inter partes* review of asserted patents.

- Represented a large wireless network operator against patent infringement claims relating to 4G and 5G network infrastructure.
- Represented a medical device company in patent infringement litigation related to dermal fillers and in breach of contract litigation against a licensee.
- Represented a life sciences company in trade secret misappropriation litigation against a former employee.
- Represented a technology R&D company in licensing and asserting patents related to AVC and HEVC video standards; including reviewing the company's patent portfolio to identify strongest candidates for licensing/assertion.