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Introduction.

The U.S. patent litigation district court filings in 2024 reversed its downward trend, which hit a low in 2023, instead rebounding to levels seen in earlier years. Amid this growth, the dynamics of patent disputes—where they are filed, who is involved, and how they unfold—have shifted. Traditional hubs for high-stakes patent battles are seeing fluctuations in filings, while the influence of individual judges is reshaping filing and litigation strategies for both plaintiffs and defendants. Equally significant are the changes among major players, including non-practicing entities (NPEs).

This report analyzes a total of 17,985 district court patent cases filed between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2024, utilizing docket reports and publicly available documents from PACER, PTAB, and USPTO. Of these, 15.375 cases were terminated during this period, with the latest update provided on December 1, 2024. Offering unmatched granularity, the report identifies the involved parties and their representatives, including law firms and attorneys, and provides a data-driven analysis of patent litigation trends over the past five years. Additionally, the report evaluates and ranks entities based on various metrics, including litigation activity, success rates, and their impact on case outcomes. Judges are also assessed by

their involvement in cases and influence on decisions.

The report's rankings and metrics enable readers to evaluate the effectiveness and influence of all players in the field, providing valuable benchmarks for comparing attorneys, law firms, companies, and judges. By analyzing trends in filings, case outcomes, technologies, patents, shifts in major players, and assessing the influence of key courts and judges, the report equips stakeholders-attorneys, law firms, and companieswith the insights needed to make informed decisions in the competitive field of patent litigation. These insights guide the selection of top-performing counsel, the identification of high-impact lateral moves or partnerships, and the hiring of legal talent with proven expertise. Furthermore, the analysis of trends in technologies and patents helps stakeholders allocate resources strategically and focus their efforts on areas with the highest potential impact.

This report was made possible by the valuable feedback of attorneys and members of the IP community, whose insights helped Patexia refine its methodology and address uncertainties in measuring case performance. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this effort.

What's New in the Report?

This year's edition expands on data-driven insights with new analyses, including the shifting trends in the Eastern and Western Districts of Texas and Delaware, the differ-

ing filing patterns before Judges Gilstrap and Albright, and an examination of case outcomes based on their duration.

Shifting Trends in Patent Litigation Across Major U.S. District Courts

Recent developments in patent litigation have caused shifts in key jurisdictions, particularly in the Eastern and Western Districts of Texas and the District of Delaware. Chief Judge Colm Connolly of Delaware has implemented standing orders requiring the disclosure of third-party litigation funding, aiming to increase transparency in cases involving non-practicing entities (NPEs). The Eastern and Western Districts of Texas have seen shifts in case distribution due to procedural orders affecting the workload of the two most active patent judges. In the West-

ern District, a directive reassigned cases from Judge Alan Albright, redistributing his caseload and impacting his district's filing patterns. Meanwhile, in the Eastern District, Chief Judge Rodney Gilstrap has retained a significant proportion of new cases under a local order, maintaining his position as one of the busiest judges in patent litigation. These events necessitated an in-depth analysis of yearly filings across these three district courts to assess the impact of these judicial actions on patent litigation trends.

Filing Patterns Before Judges Gilstrap and Albright

The distinct filing patterns before Judges Rodney Gilstrap and Alan Albright have emerged as a focal point in patent litigation, warranting deeper analysis in this report. Judge Gilstrap, presiding in the Eastern District of Texas, continues to oversee a substantial share of patent cases, while Judge Albright in the Western District of Texas has experi-

enced a decrease in his caseload. These shifts highlight the impact of judicial policies and procedural changes on case distribution and litigation strategies. This year's report includes a detailed analysis of yearly filing patterns before these two prominent judges, offering stakeholders valuable insights into the evolving landscape of patent litigation in Texas.

Patent Litigation Outcomes by Case Duration

Understanding the timeline of patent litigation is essential in patent litigation disputes. This report continues to group cases by their length, offering insights into the average duration of litigation. It also dives deeper into how outcomes align with case length. For instance, identifying the percentage

of cases dismissed within six months, 12 months, or 18 months offers valuable context for predicting case trajectories and planning strategies. By examining how timing influences outcomes, this analysis provides readers with actionable insights into the dynamics of patent dispute resolutions.

What's Coming Next?

This fifth annual edition of our comprehensive patent litigation report marks the beginning of a series of seven Patexia Intelligence Reports set for release in 2025. As we enter

the ninth year of publishing these reports, their popularity among corporations and law firms continues to grow. A quick search for "Patexia rankings" reveals thousands of

references on law firm websites, showcasing how extensively our reports and data-driven rankings are utilized for marketing and business development across diverse Intellectual Property (IP) fields.

In addition to the current report, Patexia has outlined plans to publish the following in 2025:

- ITC Section 337 (scheduled for release on Feb 27, 2025)
- <u>Patent Prosecution</u> (scheduled for release on March 27, 2025)
- <u>Trademark Prosecution</u> (scheduled for release on April 24, 2025)
- ANDA Litigation (scheduled for release on August 28, 2025)
- PTAB Intelligence (scheduled for release on September 11, 2025)
- <u>CAFC (Court of Appeal for the Federal Circuit)</u> (scheduled for release on October 30, 2025)

To continue delivering high-quality reports and meet the evolving needs of the IP community, Patexia has further refined its processes, enhanced data quality and improved extraction methods. Building on last year's advancements, the team has expanded its

capabilities in analyzing case documents and automating data processing. These improvements allow us to extract even more detailed insights from tens of thousands of court documents, ensuring accuracy and reliability. Despite increased automation, human review remains a cornerstone of the process to verify extracted data and address any inconsistencies. Our ongoing commitment to refining data gathering and analysis ensures that each report provides stakeholders with the most relevant, comprehensive and actionable insights.

Furthermore, we are excited to announce the upcoming launch of a monthly subscription service, available in addition to our annual subscription. This new offering will provide users with access to hundreds of thousands of data profiles, based on our extensive data for attorneys, companies, law firms, and various aspects of IP litigation and prosecution. The subscription will be modular, allowing users to select and subscribe to specific modules that align with their areas of interest. For the users who are ranked attorneys. the service will also offer exclusive access to their own Patexia rankings, as evaluated in the latest report, enabling them to assess their standing within their individual IP practice.



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What's in This Report?

The report is divided into the following 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, 2019, through June 30, 2024.
- 2 Plaintiffs and Defendants Analysis: Our study identifies the most active and bestperforming 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.

Consistent with our tradition for this and other Intelligence Reports, and to facilitate meaningful comparisons while accounting for the varying durations of cases (e.g., six to 36+ months), we adhere to a five-year reporting period, spanning from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024. **Appendix A** provides a comprehensive list of all data sources utilized for this report.

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 delivers a detailed analysis of U.S. District Court patent litigation spanning from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2024. During this five-year period, 17,985 cases were filed, involving 1,340 district court judges, 42,351 companies, 14,954 attorneys (including local counsel), and 3,186 law firms. The activity scores and rankings are based on the full dataset, while the success and performance scores focus on the 15,375 cases that were terminated as of Dec. 1, 2024.

Patent litigation activity experienced fluctuations over the study period. The average monthly filings started at 280.8 cases per month in 2019, peaked at 330.1 cases per month in 2021, and then declined to 248.1 cases per month in 2023 before rebounding to 293.5 cases per month by mid-2024. For the full year of 2024, 3,682 cases were filed, representing a 23.7% increase compared to the 2,977 cases filed in 2023.

A total of 17,342 unique patents were at the center of the cases filed, spanning 533 distinct IPC codes. Among these, G06F, representing "electric digital data processing", was the most frequently litigated, appearing in 29.50% of cases. The top 10 IPC codes were exclusively concentrated in the fields of electronics, communications, and semiconductor technologies, highlighting the dominance of these sectors in patent disputes.

Geographically, the Western District of Texas (TXWDCE) emerged as the leading venue, handling 3,688 cases. The Eastern District of Texas (TXEDCE) followed with 2,619 cases, and Delaware (DEDCE) ranked third with 2,603 cases. Texas solidified its position as the predominant state for patent litigation, accounting for 38.75% of cases, followed by

California at 15.42% and Delaware at 14.47%. Together, these three jurisdictions represented 68.65% of all cases filed, with a total of 12,347 cases.

Samsung Electronics emerged as the most active company overall, achieving an activity score of 99.51%. The company was involved in 312 patent lawsuits, encompassing 1,032 unique patents. Notably, Samsung also led the defendant category, participating in 286 cases and covering 970 unique patents. with a defendant activity score of 100%. On the plaintiff side, Cedar Lane Technologies Inc. stood out as the most active, earning an activity score of 98.66%. Cedar Lane filed 409 cases involving 109 unique patents. In terms of performance, Apple Inc. was the top-performing company among defendants and overall, with performance scores of 98.59% and 94.54%, respectively. On the plaintiff side, Canon Inc. ranked as the bestperforming company, achieving a score of 94.10%.

Fish & Richardson led the field of law firms. securing the title of the most active patent litigation firm overall. The firm handled 1,192 cases involving 2,129 unique patents, earning an activity score of 99.88%. Fish & Richardson also dominated the defendant category, participating in 1,065 cases and addressing 1,802 unique patents. On the plaintiff side, Rabicoff Law was the most active firm, filing 1,227 cases involving 333 unique patents and achieving an activity score of 98.84%. In terms of performance, Venable ranked as the best-performing law firm overall, with a performance score of 95.00%, and on the plaintiff side with a score of 94.45%. For defendants, Quinn Emanuel Urguhart & Sullivan led in performance, achieving a score of 94.54%. Among attorneys, Neil J. McNabnay of Fish & Richardson was the most active overall, earning an activity score of 98.46%. He was especially prominent on the defendant side, participating in 588 cases involving 567 patents, and securing the title of most active defendant attorney with a score of 100%. On the plaintiff side, Isaac P. Rabicoff of Rabicoff Law led the activity rankings, achieving

a 99.75% activity score through his involvement in 1,227 cases involving 333 unique patents. For performance, Michael P. Sandonato of Venable stood out as the top-performing attorney overall and on the plaintiff side, with scores of 91.79% and 91.36%, respectively. On the defendant side, Brady Cox of Alston & Bird earned the best performance score, achieving 95.28%.

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, 2019, through June 30, 2024) 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:

- Company name with a link to the Patexia page
- Overall Activity Rank
- Overall Performance Rank
- Defendant Activity Rank
- Defendant Performance Rank
- Plaintiff Activity Rank
- Plaintiff Performance Rank
- All Cases
- All Unique Patents
- Defendant Cases
- Defendant Unique Patents
- Plaintiff Cases
- Plaintiff Unique Cases
- Overall Activity Score

- Defendant Activity Score
- Plaintiff Activity Score
- Overall Success Score
- Defendant Success Score
- Plaintiff Success Score
- Overall Performance Score
- Defendant Performance Score
- Plaintiff Performance Score
- Overall Activity Rank 2024
- Overall Performance Rank 2024
- Defendant Activity Rank 2024
- Defendant Performance Rank 2024Plaintiff Activity Rank 2024
- Plaintiff Performance Rank 2024
- 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:

- Law Firm with a link to the Patexia page
- Overall Activity Rank
- Overall Performance Rank
- Defendant Activity Rank
- Defendant Performance Rank
- Plaintiff Activity Rank
- Plaintiff Performance Rank
- All Cases
- All Unique Patents
- Defendant Cases
- Defendant Unique Patents
- Plaintiff Cases
- Plaintiff Unique Patents
- Overall Activity Score

- Defendant Activity Score
- Plaintiff Activity Score
- Overall Success Score
- Defendant Success Score
- Plaintiff Success Score
- Overall Performance Score
- Defendant Performance Score
- Plaintiff Performance Score
- Overall Activity Rank 2024
- Overall Performance Rank 2024
- Defendant Activity Rank 2024
- Defendant Performance Rank 2024
- Plaintiff Activity Rank 2024
- Plaintiff Performance Rank 2024
- Top 3 Law Firms (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:

- Attorney name with a link to the Patexia page
- Law Firm
- Overall Activity Rank
- Overall Performance Rank
- Defendant Activity Rank
- Defendant Performance Rank
- Plaintiff Activity Rank
- Plaintiff Performance Rank
- All Cases
- All Unique Patents
- Defendant Cases
- Defendant Unique Patents
- Plaintiff Cases
- Plaintiff Unique Patents
- Overall Activity Score

- Defendant Activity Score
- Plaintiff Activity Score
- Overall Success Score
- Defendant Success Score
- Plaintiff Success Score
- Overall Performance Score
- Defendant Performance Score
- Plaintiff Performance Score
- Overall Activity Rank 2024
- Overall Performance Rank 2024
- Defendant Activity Rank 2024
- Defendant Performance Rank 2024
- Plaintiff Activity Rank 2024
- Plaintiff Performance Rank 2024
- Top 3 Law Firms (Case Count)



Appendix E: Stats for Local Counsel.

See the attached Excel file for the stats related to the 381 patent litigation local counsel. The spreadsheet covers the following information for each of the attorneys:

- Local Counsel with link to Patexia Page
- 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 1,340 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.





















Contact

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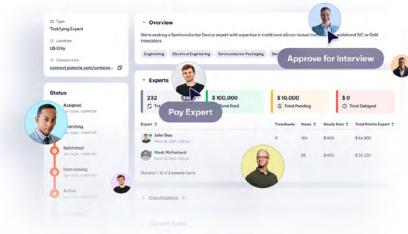
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Douglas R. Nemec,

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