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### Overview

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Paige represents companies in intellectual property litigation involving claims of patent infringement, copyright infringement and trademark infringement. Paige also represents individuals, business entities, professionals and governmental entities in a wide variety of complex commercial litigation, including theft of trade secrets, products liability, contract disputes, real estate disputes, partnership issues, fiduciary litigation, professional malpractice defense, business torts, and premises liability claims.

Paige was ranked 26 in The 50 Most Active Patent Litigators of 2023 (Defendants and Plaintiffs) named by [Patexia Patent Litigation Report](#).

In 2022, the SDM IP Litigation team secured a verdict for the firm's client in [UMG Recordings Inc. v. Grande Communications Networks LLC](#) which ranked #4 in I.P. verdicts and #14 overall among the [Top Verdicts & Settlements of Texas](#)

2022 presented by Texas Lawyer.

## Experience

Represents dozens of clients in patent infringement lawsuits pending in the Western District of Texas spanning various industries, including consumer electronics, computer networking, software development and publishing, internet-related services and products, social networking services, financial services, wireless and broadband communications, video games, semiconductor, online travel, capital equipment, medical technology and oilfield services.

Tried a patent infringement case in which the jury awarded SDM client a nearly \$18M verdict.

Secured a complete defense verdict in week-long jury trial for the management organization for one of the largest physician-owned health-care providers in Texas in a commercial property dispute.

Represented record companies that produce, manufacture, distribute, sell and license the vast majority of all legitimate commercial sound recordings in this country in a copyright infringement lawsuit against an internet service provider. In 2022, the team secured a verdict for the firm's client in UMG Recordings Inc. v. Grande Communications Networks LLC which ranked #4 in I.P. verdicts and #14 overall among the Top Verdicts & Settlements of Texas 2022 presented by Texas Lawyer. (Western District of Texas, Austin Division, the Honorable Judge David Ezra presiding).

Defended Google LLC in a patent infringement lawsuit involving its Nest Hub products. Along with co-counsel from O'Melveny & Myers and Farella Braun + Martel, I tried the case to a jury that rendered a complete defense verdict of non-infringement and invalidity. (Western District of Texas, Waco Division, the Honorable Judge Alan D Albright presiding).

Obtained case-determinative sanctions in favor of client, Performance Chemical Company, in a patent infringement lawsuit. (Western District of Texas, Waco Division, the Honorable Judge Alan D Albright presiding).

Defended Motorola Mobility in a patent infringement lawsuit involving a wireless headset. Along with co-counsel from Kilpatrick Townsend, I tried the case to a jury that rendered a complete defense verdict of non-infringement and invalidity. (Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, the Honorable Judge Lee Hudspeth presiding).

Defended Motorola Mobility in a patent infringement lawsuit involving cell phone technology. Along with co-counsel from Winston Strawn, prepared the case for trial in the Honorable Judge Lee Yeakel's court. Reached favorable settlement on the day of trial. (Western District of Texas, Austin Division).

Represented the plaintiff, Engineered Arresting Systems Corporation, in a patent infringement lawsuit involving a mechanical system to stop an aircraft that overruns a runway. Along with co-counsel from Kilpatrick Townsend, secured a favorable claims construction from the Honorable Judge Lee Yeakel. The case settled favorably on the eve of trial. (Western District of Texas, Austin Division).

Defended Schlumberger in a patent infringement suit brought by a subsidiary of Acacia, a publicly-traded non-practicing entity. Along with co-counsel from Latham Watkins, SDM filed a motion to disqualify plaintiff's in-house general counsel, plaintiff's entire legal department, and plaintiff's outside counsel. In addition, SDM requested that the court dismiss the lawsuit. The Honorable Judge Lee Yeakel granted SDM's motion, disqualified all of plaintiff's counsel, and dismissed the lawsuit. (Western District of Texas, Austin Division).

Defended A&A Jewelers Ltd. in a patent infringement lawsuit involving bracelets. Along with co-counsel from Venable LLP, filed a Motion to Transfer. The Honorable Judge Sam Sparks transferred the case. (Western District of Texas, Austin Division).

Defended the Walt Disney Company in a patent infringement lawsuit involving video game technology. Along with co-counsel from Erise IP, filed a Motion to Dismiss or Transfer. The Honorable Judge Robert Pitman transferred the case. (Western District of Texas, Austin Division).

Defended Citrix Systems, Inc. in a patent infringement lawsuit that involved software applications to enhance teleconferences. The case favorably settled after claims construction by the Honorable Judge Lee Yeakel. (Western District of Texas, Austin Division).

Defended Garmin USA in a patent infringement action that involved a system to aid proper movement during physical activity. Along with counsel from Erise IP, SDM filed a Motion to Dismiss under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(3). The Honorable Judge Fred Biery dismissed the case. (Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division).

Defended Garmin USA in a patent infringement action that involved systems that use Bluetooth technology. The case settled after favorable claims construction by the Honorable Judge Lee Yeakel. (Western District of Texas, Austin Division).

Defended a substance abuse treatment center against claims of trademark infringement and Lanham Act violations. The case settled favorably just prior to trial. (Southern District of California, San Diego Division, the Honorable Judge Cynthia Bashant presiding).

Represented Ethicon, Inc. and Johnson and Johnson in preparing products liability cases filed in multi-district litigation for trial once they are remanded to federal district courts in Texas. (Southern District of West Virginia, Charleston Division, the Honorable Judge Joseph Goodwin presiding).

Represented the owner of a hospital as plaintiff in a misappropriation of trade secrets and breach of contract case.

After a two-week jury trial with SDM partners, Steve Wingard and Abe Kuczaj, won a plaintiff's verdict wherein the jury found defendants breached their confidentiality agreement and caused damages to SDM's client. The court also awarded attorneys' fees to SDM's client. (Travis County District Court).

Represented one of the largest law firms in San Antonio, and prevailed after more than a week-long jury trial in a breach of fiduciary duty case. Plaintiff, a former client of the San Antonio firm, sued alleging legal malpractice and breach of fiduciary duty and sought damages in excess of \$40 million. After defeating plaintiff's legal malpractice claims and establishing the client had suffered no damages, as a matter of law, the jury trial proceeded solely on the issue of whether defendants breached their fiduciary duties. In its verdict, the jury unanimously found in favor of SDM's client. The court then entered a final judgment that the plaintiff take nothing and imposed costs on the plaintiff. Plaintiff did not appeal the judgment. (Bexar County District Court).

Represented Austin's municipally-owned utility, Austin Energy, in a complex contractual dispute over electric transmission congestion in association with a West Texas wind farm. After a nearly two-week jury trial, jury verdict in favor of Austin Energy, which was upheld on appeal. (Travis County District Court).

Represented a jewelry store in claims against an alarm-monitoring company following a burglary of the jewelry store. After a week-long jury trial with SDM partner Ryan Squires, won a plaintiff's verdict in favor of SDM's client. (Travis County District Court).

Represents a large national hotel chain in premises liability and dram shop cases.

Successfully defended a large national retail chain against claims for discovery sanctions made in premises liability cases filed all over the country.

Obtained numerous summary judgments and dismissals for clients in employment-related litigation involving claims of age discrimination, race discrimination and defamation.

Represented landowners, developers, general and limited partners, landlords and tenants in all types of disputes related to real estate development, including contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, lease disputes, and easement disputes.

### **Selected Reported Cases**

Interactive Toybox, LLC v. The Walt Disney Company, Civil Action No. 1:17-CV-1137-RP, 2018 WL 5284625 (W.D. Tex. October 24, 2018).

Dynamic 3D Geosolutions, LLC v. Schlumberger Limited (Schlumberger N.V.), Schlumberger Holdings Corporation and Schlumberger Technology Corporation, Cause No. A-14-CV-112-LV, 2015 WL 4578681 (W.D. Tex. March 31, 2015)

Smith v. O'Donnell, 288 S.W.3d 417 (Tex. 2009)

FPL Energy Upton Wind I, L.P. v. City of Austin, 240 S.W.3d 456 (Tex. App.—Amarillo 2007, no pet.)

## Awards

- Ranked in the 2024 [IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals](#)
- Ranked #26 in The 50 Most Active Patent Litigators of 2023 (Defendants and Plaintiffs) named by [Patexia Patent Litigation Report](#)
- Top Verdicts & Settlements of Texas 2022 presented by Texas Lawyer, for UMG Recordings Inc. v. Grande Communications Networks LLC which ranked #4 in I.P. verdicts and #14 overall
- Chambers USA Band 2 recognized practitioner in Litigation: General Commercial, Texas: Austin & Surrounds, 2023, 2024
- Selected for The Best Lawyers in America® in Commercial Litigation, Government Relations Practice, Litigation – Construction, 2020-2025
- Austin Monthly, [Austin's Top Attorneys](#), 2021
- Super Lawyers, The Top Women Attorneys in Texas, 2020
- Texas Super Lawyer, a Thomson Reuters business, Business Litigation 2014 – 2024
- Texas Rising Star, a Thomson Reuters business, 2011

## Articles & Presentations

- Featured in Texas Lawyer article: ['I Couldn't Have Imagined This' — How the Boom in Austin IP Litigation Is Transforming Careers](#)
- Co-Author, "Survey of Selected Evidentiary Issues in Employment Law Litigation," 50 Baylor Law Review 415 (1998).

## News & Insights

- The Top Women Attorneys in Texas 2020 - Super Lawyers
- SDM wins Motion to Dismiss for Google, LLC
- SDM Wins Case-Determinative Sanctions in Oil Patent Lawsuit
- SDM Women Recognized on Austin Monthly's Top Attorneys List
- SDM Lawyers Recognized in The Best Lawyers in America, 2022 Edition
- Congrats to our 2021 Texas Super Lawyers

- Google Cleared of Patent Infringement Allegations
- Paige Amstutz talks to Texas Lawyer about IP Litigation Boom
- 13 SDM Lawyers Recognized in Best Lawyers® 2023 Honors
- Congrats to our 2022 Texas Super Lawyers
- Paige Amstutz Ranked in Top 50 Most Active Patent Litigators in America
- Chambers Guide Continues to Rank SDM in Top Tier
- SDM obtains record setting verdict in IP Litigation case
- SDM Secures Complete Defense Verdict in Jury Trial
- SDM Lawyers Recognized In Best Lawyers® 2024
- Congrats to our 2023 Texas Super Lawyers
- Jury awards \$17.9M in patent trial
- Chambers Guide notes SDM as "a go-to litigation boutique in Austin."
- SDM Lawyers Recognized In Best Lawyers® 2025
- Paige Amstutz among the IAM Patent 1000 for 2024
- Congrats to our SDM 2024 Texas Super Lawyers

## Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Device
- Professional Malpractice, Licensing & Regulation
- Business Litigation & Torts
- Fiduciary Duty Litigation
- Personal Injury & Products Liability

## Education

- Texas A&M University, B.B.A., Management, cum laude with Foundation Honors, 1993
- University of Houston Law Center, J.D., 1996

## Admissions

- State Bar of Texas
- United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas

- United States Court of Appeals
- Fifth Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

## Activities

- Member, The Honorable Lee Yeakel Intellectual Property American Inn of Court
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Fellow, Travis County Women Lawyers' Foundation
- Member, Civil Litigation Section, Austin Bar Association
- Sustaining Member, Austin Young Lawyers Association