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Overview

Jeff Phillips provides clients with a full scope of legal services related to intellectual property, first seeking to develop a detailed understanding of a client's business and IP assets, and then providing strategic counsel focused on maximizing long-term value.

Jeff has an extensive litigation record in patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, antitrust, and false advertising cases, representing both plaintiffs and defendants in jurisdictions across the country. Jeff also brings over 20 years of experience in patent prosecution, portfolio development, and management for his clients, which range from individual inventors, entrepreneurs, and startups to large Fortune 100 companies with robust IP portfolios. He also counsels clients on important strategic business endeavors, including R&D guidance, technology licensing and transfer, product clearance, and IP due diligence for corporate mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures.

Prior to beginning his legal career, Jeff held many technical and project management positions for a multinational oil and gas corporation, providing worldwide technology, operations, and project support within the refining and petrochemical business groups. He was named a co-inventor of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,855,858 and 7,678,958, titled "Method of Removing Dimethyl Ether from an Olefin Stream," during this tenure.

Bringing this energy industry, chemical engineering, and corporate experience to each representation, Jeff provides his clients with incisive and practical business and legal advice.

Education

- University of Houston Law Center, 2002 (J.D.), *magna cum laude*
- The University of Texas at Austin, 1995 (B.S.), *with high honors*

Bar Admissions

- Texas

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Distinctions

- *Texas Monthly*, Rising Star, Intellectual Property Law, 2008, 2010

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- American Chemical Society
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Houston Bar Association
- Houston Intellectual Property Law Association
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow

Presentations and Publications

- "Clean Air Never Smelled So Bad: Union Oil Co. of California v. Atlantic Richfield Co.," *Houston Law Review* 38, 2002
- "Patents 201: A User-Guide to Patents in the Energy Industry," 2013 American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) Spring Meeting, April 13, 2013