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#### Overview

Matt David helps large technology companies navigate the intricacies of intellectual property litigation, skillfully applying his background in engineering and as a U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) examiner to address patent applications with hands-on intel and exceptional creativity. Matt litigates, prepares, and prosecutes patents primarily in the computer, electrical, and mechanical arts. He also has experience with post-grant proceedings at the USPTO.

Prior to entering private practice, Matt spent over a decade as a primary examiner and examination specialist at the USPTO, where he reviewed many of the highest profile patent applications, focusing on the areas of computer architecture, communication protocols, and power management. While at the USPTO, Matt maintained a stellar track record at the Patent Trial Appeal Board, being affirmed or affirmed-in-part on nearly every appeal. His comprehensive understanding of patent examiner culture fuels his current success in IP litigation. Additionally, Matt has experience filing trademarks, patent due diligence, and with rendering validity, freedom-to-operate, and non-infringement opinions.

Matt consistently exceeds client expectations to deliver the most informed and reliable solutions, reinforcing his engineering background by regularly modifying transmissions, designing custom suspensions, deploying open-source engine management systems, and fabricating a variety of powertrain components to maintain a detailed understanding of customized systems in his litigatory work. Impressively, Matt previously co-founded a technology startup and established both an automotive parts fabrication business and a powder coating service; all testaments to his dynamic strengths sustained by boundless ambition which he applies to his current practice.

## Education

- George Washington University Law School, 2018 (J.D.), with honors
- Pennsylvania State University, 2005 (B.S.)

#### **Bar Admissions**

- District of Columbia
- Virginia (inactive)
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

### **Distinctions**

• Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch, Intellectual Property Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, 2022-2024

#### **Memberships**

- Virginia Bar Association
- DeLorean Owners Association

#### **Presentations and Publications**

- "The Significant Patent Law Changes in 2024 May Increase the Threat of Invalidity and Reduce the Threat of Damages
- ," Patent Litigation 2025: USA Texas, Trends and Developments, Chambers and Partners Practice Guide, January 2025
- "How to Avoid the Patent Reissue Continuation Trap," Bloomberg Law, March 2023