



Jeffrey J. Phillips

Partner

Jeffrey J. Phillips specializes in intellectual property matters involving a wide range of technologies, including oil and gas technologies, chemical processes and catalysts, mechanical systems, and computer and software related technologies.

Mr. Phillips' litigation experience includes both patent enforcement and patent defense in federal courts throughout the United States, including extensive experience in the Eastern District of Texas. He has successfully led patent litigation teams and obtained summary judgments and favorable settlement terms on behalf of his clients. He has also successfully prosecuted complex patent and trademark cases before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. Mr. Phillips has also counseled clients on important IP issues, such as advising on patent portfolio management, preparing opinions relating to a company's ability to sell its products and/or practice its valuable technology, preparing pre-acquisition intellectual property due diligence assessments, and structuring and negotiating technology licensing agreements and joint development agreements.

Prior to his legal career, Mr. Phillips held many technical and project management positions within Exxon Mobil Corporation supporting the petrochemical and refining business groups. His responsibilities included worldwide technical and operations support for chemical plants and refineries, facilities planning for large-scale grassroots and debottleneck projects, and R&D planning for the final development and rollout of new technologies. Mr. Phillips is a co-inventor of U.S. Patent No. 6,855,858 entitled "Method of Removing Dimethyl Ether from an Olefin Stream," assigned to ExxonMobil.

Mr. Phillips was recognized as a "Rising Star" by Texas Monthly magazine in 2008 and as a "Professional on the Fast Track" by H Texas magazine in 2009.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *Halliburton Energy Systems, Inc. v. Weatherford International, Inc., et al.* Counsel for Weatherford in patent infringement suit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas concerning composite downhole tools. Case pending.
- *Avocent Redmond Corp. v. Rose Electronics et al.* Counsel for Rose Electronics in patent infringement suit in the United States District

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ADMISSIONS

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EDUCATION

University of Houston Law Center
(JD, 2002), *magna cum laude*,
Order of the Coif

Houston Law Review (Articles
Editor)

University of Texas (BS, Chemical
Engineering, 1995), *high honors*,
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Court for the Western District of Washington concerning KVM switch technology. Case stayed pending reexamination of three patents by PTO. Also counsel for Rose Electronics as intervenor in related Avocent Redmond Corp. v. United States, which is currently pending in the Federal Court of Claims.

- *Wacoh Company v. Chrysler LLC, et al.* Counsel for Ford Motor Company in patent infringement suit in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin concerning air bag systems having accelerometer sensors. Case transferred to E.D. Michigan and dismissed.
- *Ronald A. Katz Technology Licensing L.P. MDL.* Counsel for Whirlpool and Hilton Hotels in patent infringement suits originating in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas concerning interactive voice response systems used for customer service call centers. Obtained favorable settlements for both clients.
- *Iron Grip Barbell Company, Inc. v. USA Sports, Inc.* Counsel for USA Sports in patent infringement suit in the United States District Court for the Central District of California concerning patents for weight plates used with fitness equipment. Obtained summary judgments of no infringement as to the first patent and invalidity as to the second patent.
- *C I Host, Inc. et al v. Everyones Internet Ltd.* Counsel for Everyones Internet in alleged defamation suit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas against internet service provider. Obtained dismissal without prejudice under the federal Communications Decency Act prior to answering complaint.

COURTS & ADJUDICATIVE BODIES

- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, Houston Bar Association
- Member, Houston Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, Houston Young Lawyers Association
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PUBLICATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

ARTICLES

"Clean Air Never Smelled So Bad: Union Oil Co. of California v. Atlantic Richfield Co." *Houston Law Review* Vol. 38 (2002).