

# ***Howard L. Speight***

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## **EDUCATION**

### **St. Mary's University Law School**

J.D. May 1991

Magna cum laude

Editor-in-Chief – St. Mary's University Law School Law Journal (1990-91)

### **Rice University**

Masters in Electrical Engineering (1977)

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (1976)

## **LEGAL EMPLOYMENT**

### **July 2014 to Present – Howard L. Speight, PLLC**

#### **January 2007 to July 2014 – Solo Practitioner**

Patent prosecution

Client counseling

Providing testimony as an expert witness

### **November 2005 to February 2011 – Associate Municipal Court Judge, Houston, Texas**

#### **January 2001 to January 2007 – Baker Botts L.L.P. (partner in the Houston, Texas office)**

Intellectual property litigation (primarily patent cases but some trademark cases)

- day-to-day manager of large cases, including managing discovery and motion practice
- attorney in charge on smaller cases

Patent prosecution

- acquiring patents for companies and individuals

Client counseling regarding intellectual property matters

Pro Bono work for Justice for Children and Catholic Charities

#### **April 1998 to January 2001 – Solo Practitioner**

Patent prosecution

Intellectual property litigation

- attorney in charge for small cases (trademark and products liability)
- litigation support for small general practice firms involved in patent cases

Client counseling

- patent infringement opinions
- patent strategy

### **March 1995 to April 1998 – Fish & Richardson, P.C. (Associate in Houston office)**

Intellectual property litigation

- litigation support on patent, trademark, and copyright cases

Patent prosecution

**September 1992 to March 1995 – Baker & Botts L.L.P. (Associate in Houston office)**

Litigation

- patents, trade secrets, antitrust, labor disputes, and injury to property

Patent Opinions

**August 1991 to September 1992 – Supreme Court of the State of Texas**

Briefing Attorney and Staff Attorney for the Honorable Justice John Cornyn.

Analysis of cases brought before the Supreme Court of Texas on writ of error.

**ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE**

**July 1977 to July 1988 –**

Electrical engineer -- all levels of design from component design to high-level system design

Applications include control systems, command and control systems, communications systems, and imaging systems.

Worked on numerous government contracts for Electrospace Systems, Inc., Harris Corporation, Computer Science Innovations, Inc., and The Analytical Sciences Corporation.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Board of Trustees of HSPVA Friends (Secretary 2015-16)

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Immediate Past President of the Houston Intellectual Property Law Association (President 2015-16, President-Elect 2014-15, Vice President 2013-2014, Secretary, 2010-11, Treasurer, 2009-10, Member of Board of Directors, HIPLA's delegate to the US Bar – European Patent Office Liaison Council, 2007-2010)

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Efficient Preparation of Patent Appeal Briefs, October 2010 Houston Intellectual Property Institute on Intellectual Property Law, Houston Intellectual Property Law Association and University of Houston Law Center, Houston

New Patent Appeal Rules, October 2008 Houston Intellectual Property Institute on Intellectual Property Law, Houston Intellectual Property Law Association and University of Houston Law Center, Houston

Venue Considerations in 2007, October 2007 Houston Intellectual Property Institute on Intellectual Property Law, Houston Intellectual Property Law Association and University of Houston Law Center, Galveston

Intellectual Property, Entrepreneurship 101, Rice University, January 31, 2007

Panel Moderator, Electronic Discovery, October 2006 Houston Intellectual Property Institute on Intellectual Property Law, Houston Intellectual Property Law Association and University of Houston Law Center, Houston

Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks: A Primer on Protecting Ideas and Intellectual Property  
June 15, 2006, 2006 Rice Entrepreneurship and Mentoring Series, Rice Alliance for  
Technology and Entrepreneurship and the Jones Graduate School of Management,  
Houston

Member of Panel, A Quantum Leap in IP Securitization: Single Patent to Whole Company  
Financing, Standard & Poor's Business Leadership Seminar Series, presented in Houston,  
Texas on August 19, 2004, in New York City on November 16, 2004 and in Boston on  
November 17, 2004.

Electronic Discovery: Not Your Father's Discovery, 37 ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL 119 (2005),  
presented in a different form at The 20th Annual Institute on Intellectual Property Law  
cosponsored by the Houston Intellectual Property Law Association and the University of  
Houston Law Center, October 9, 2004.

Should a Company Patent Its Business Methods?, Supplement to Houston Business Journal at 19  
(May 18-24, 2001).

Member of Panel at the American Intellectual Property Law Spring Meeting in San Francisco,  
California on May 10, 2001.

Member of Panel discussing Intellectual Property Rights: Who owns the concept after the  
premiere? at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Opera America in Houston, Texas on  
May 10, 2000.

Member of Panel discussing Professionalism in Intellectual Property at the American Intellectual  
Property Law Association Winter Meeting on October 23, 1999.

Balancing Trade Secret Protection and Employer/Employee Conflict, presented at the Texas  
State Bar Advanced Intellectual Property Law Course in San Antonio, Texas in  
July 1998.

Misunderstanding of Standing is Plaintiffs' Pitfall, NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL at C22  
(June 22, 1998)

Howard L. Speight and Jon R. Trembath, Extraordinary Remedies, presented at the Texas State  
Bar Intellectual Property Law Course in San Antonio, Texas in March 1998.