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## The Leading Intellectual Property Attorneys in California 2015

The most compelling aspect of choosing the list of leading intellectual property attorneys in California is recognizing the diversity of their achievements, and their ability to stay on the cutting edge of new developments in patent, copyright and trademark law.

While based in the state, leading litigators travel the nation to try cases, whether it's in the Eastern District of Texas, the U.S. International Trade Commission, or a new U.S. Patent and Trademark Office proceeding to determine whether a patent is valid. A few litigators successfully argued or defended cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Copyright attorneys were in the midst of battles between technology and content providers. Trademark lawyers fought to protect their clients.

The patent prosecutors and portfolio managers on the list represent medical device makers and technology companies, drafting and defending new patents, protecting trademarks and copyrights, while often handling IP aspects of major acquisitions.

The lawyers chosen for this year's list helped to advance technological innovation or transform the law while representing a range of clients that includes Hollywood studios, technology giants, aggressive startups, and the daughter of a screenwriter. The list demonstrates the impressive and diverse work done by California attorneys whose work advances the state's leadership in intellectual property law.

—The Editors

### TOP 75 LITIGATORS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

## David C. Marcus

FIRM:	CITY	SPECIALTY
Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP	Los Angeles	Patent



**A** trial lawyer by trade, Marcus has begun to take on more work before the nation's top patent appeals

court.

The WilmerHale lawyer successfully argued a case on behalf of Qualcomm Inc., Cisco Systems Inc., Intel Corp. and Broadcom Corp. before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

"I think it's a real advantage to live with a case from start to finish and know the ins and outs," Marcus said. "I think it's a real advantage to know the record really well."

Plaintiff American Radio LLC had asserted four patents that referred to methods of reconstructing radio signals to remove distortion in the Central District of California. Marcus argued the Markman hearing for Intel alongside counsel for the other defendants.

After U.S. District Judge Mariana R. Pfaelzer interpreted specific terms of the patents favorably for the defendants, the parties stipulated to a judgment of

noninfringement.

American Radio then appealed, hoping to overturn Pfaelzer's claim construction.

Marcus presented oral arguments on behalf of the group of defendants. The Federal Circuit affirmed the district court's interpretations and judgment last July. *American Radio LLC v. Qualcomm Inc.*, 13-1641 (Fed. Circ. 2014).

Marcus previously secured another Federal Circuit win on behalf of Intel and another group of defendants in litigation against patent holder Power Management Solutions LLC.

A three-judge panel affirmed a Delaware federal judge's claim construction and judgment of noninfringement in January 2014. Marcus presented oral arguments to the Federal Circuit.

— Kevin Lee