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William (Bill) McElwain was a partner in the firm's Litigation/Controversy Department, and a member of the Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation and Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Groups. He joined the firm in 1982 and retired in 2020. Mr. McElwain focused his practice on intellectual property litigation. He tried cases in courts nationwide and before the US International Trade Commission.

In patent litigation, Mr. McElwain represented clients in matters involving a wide variety of technologies, ranging from genetic engineering to integrated circuit manufacturing to textile finishing. He also maintains a general commercial litigation practice.

Mr. McElwain received a JD degree, *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School, and an AB, *cum laude*, from Yale University.

Mr. McElwain was admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Recognition

- Named a 2013–2020 leading practitioner for patent litigation by *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners*
- Selected as a 2013–2020 IP Star by *Managing IP*, a guidebook that identifies leading IP lawyers in the United States
- Recognized for exceptional standing in the legal community for his intellectual property practice in the 2006 and 2007 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
- Selected to the 2014–2019 Washington DC *Super Lawyers* lists for his intellectual property practice

Credentials

EDUCATION

JD, Harvard Law School, 1982

magna cum laude

BA, Yale University, 1978

cum laude

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Massachusetts

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