



Amir Alavi

PARTNER

Amir Alavi handles complex commercial litigation throughout the world with a particular focus on intellectual property cases. *IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Professionals* describes him as “a big-picture thinker with an acute strategic mind. He handles the most complex of IP disputes with dexterity and is a go-to for damages cases.” He’s been recognized for his intellectual property work by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

IAM Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) Magazine also said Mr. Alavi “is a commercial litigator par excellence with valuable in-house insight, having previously served as general counsel of a company with 5,000 employees. The savvy case handler knows when to take up arms and when to chase a settlement.” They also described him as “someone you can match up against any lawyer in the country and be confident of a win. Drawing on a deep reservoir of trial experience he delivers knife-like advocacy timed to perfection.”



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Mr. Alavi is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He has been recognized by attorneys across the country as one of the Best Lawyers in America for commercial litigation and is AV-rated by Martindale Hubbell. Mr. Alavi has been consistently recognized on Texas Super Lawyers listing.

He has had key roles in trial wins including:

- *Newfield v. Tesoro* — Mr. Alavi represented Newfield Production Company against one of the country's largest refining companies in a breach of contract dispute involving crude supply contracts. After a lengthy arbitration, Mr. Alavi helped Newfield secure a \$20 million award while successfully defeating in full a counterclaim for \$400 million.
- *Rembrandt Wireless Technologies, LP v. Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., et al.* — Mr. Alavi and a team of attorneys from Heim, Payne & Chorush won a \$15.7 million patent infringement verdict for Rembrandt Wireless. The jury deliberated only one hour before finding that Samsung Electronics infringed two Bluetooth patents owned by Rembrandt.
- *Saint Lawrence Communications v. Motorola*— Mr. Alavi won a \$9 million jury verdict for Saint Lawrence Communications LLC against technology heavyweight Motorola Mobility LLC for patent infringement. The case was tried in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

Other Notable Cases

- *Versata Software Inc., et al. v. SAP America Inc., et al.* — Mr. Alavi and Demetrios Anaipakos were hired by Versata Software only a few months before the retrial of a significant case against SAP America. Despite the time crunch, the two attorneys helped Versata win a \$391 million patent infringement verdict.
- *Houston v. Saracen Energy Advisors, L.P., et al.* – Represented a natural gas energy trader in claims for \$30 million in bonus and deferred compensation. The case settled on a confidential basis.
- *Culliver v. George Bishop, et al.* – Represented the plaintiff, a shareholder of an independent oil and gas company, in a shareholder oppression case seeking over \$150 million. The case settled on a confidential basis prior to trial.
- *Brown Investment Management, L.P. v. Parkcentral Global, L.P.* – Represented an investor in the Parkcentral hedge fund which, with a related hedge fund, lost over \$2.5 billion. In an important case involving hedge funds, Mr. Alavi



secured a verdict granting his client access to the fund's investor list. The case was appealed to the Delaware Supreme Court and affirmed.

- Mr. Alavi represented the former employee of an independent oil and gas exploration company in an arbitration seeking to recover plaintiff's \$60 million ownership interest in various oil and gas properties. The case was resolved on a confidential basis.
- *Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. v. Columbia Gulf Transmission Co.* – Represented Columbia Gulf Transmission Co. in a breach of contract lawsuit involving control (and the original construction) of the Blue Water offshore natural gas pipeline system. Following a bench trial, the case was resolved on a confidential basis.
- *Marc Werner, et al. v. KPMG, LLP* – Represented limited partners of an investment partnership in a securities fraud case against KPMG. The case was resolved on a confidential basis.
- *Lenore Schmick Trust, et al. v. KPMG, LLP* – Represented limited partners of an investment partnership in securities fraud case against KPMG. During trial, the case was resolved on a confidential basis.
- *Chung's Gourmet Foods v. Delta DailyFoods Texas* – Represented Chung's Gourmet Foods, one of the world's largest manufacturers of egg rolls in a tortious interference case against Delta DailyFoods. After nearly two weeks of trial, Mr. Alavi and the trial team obtained a verdict and judgment in the amount of nearly \$18 million.



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Education

- University of Chicago Law School, JD with Honors
- Stanford University, AB

Awards & Honors

- Top 100 Top Performing Attorneys – 2025 Patexia Patent Litigation Intelligence Report
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Jerry E. Smith, United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit
- Rated AV-Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell
- *Chambers USA*, ranked for Intellectual Property work, 2021-present
- *IAM Patent 1000*, listed as one of the best patent litigators in Texas, 2016-present
- *IAM Global Leaders*, 2022
- Patexia Inc., *Patent Litigation Intelligence Report*, Top 100 Best Performing Attorneys, 2025
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2013-present
- *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2005-present
- *Texas Super Lawyers* Top 100 Houston, 2021-present
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America, Intellectual Property Litigation, 2023-present
- Benchmark Litigation, Litigation Star, 2024-present
- *Texas Rising Stars*, 2004-2005
- *H Texas Magazine* Houston's Top Lawyers, 2006-2007
- *H Texas Magazine* Houston's Top Lawyers for the People, 2005-2009
- Board Certified in Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Professional Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas
 - United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
 - United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
 - United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
 - United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
 - Texas Bar Foundation Life Fellow
 - The College of the State Bar of Texas
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