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### EDUCATION

- University of Houston Law Center, JD, Magna Cum Laude
- Texas Tech University, BA, Magna Cum Laude



Brian E. Simmons focuses on intellectual property matters, including patent and trade secret litigation, patent counseling, due diligence investigations for investments, acquisitions and divestitures, technology transfers, joint developments and other research agreements, licensing and transactions involving IP, and risk consulting.

Mr. Simmons has represented clients in a variety of matters in the chemical arts, where he previously served as a senior research chemist before practicing law.

His experience in complex technologies includes ethylene oxide catalysts and processes, acetic acid catalysts and processes, polymerization catalysts, products, and processes, polymeric composites, coatings, film and fiber processing, oil and gas exploration and production, medical devices and related biologic compositions, pharmaceuticals, and herbicide formulations.

Mr. Simmons' additional experience includes interactive voice response systems, prepaid cellular telephone systems, semiconductor manufacturing processes, speech and audio compression technologies, and other computer and software-related technologies, as well as tool and farming implement designs.

Mr. Simmons helps clients with all aspects of managing and preparing cases for trial, including pre-filing investigations and counseling, formulating case strategy, engaging in and directing all phases of discovery, retaining and working with expert witnesses, preparation and presentation of fact and expert witnesses, claim construction briefing, preparation of dispositive motions, and appellate briefing.

Mr. Simmons also advises clients on the best ways to practice their valuable technology and identify potential competitive advantages and opportunities for licensing and acquisition vis-à-vis their competitors. This includes conducting intellectual property due diligence assessments of targets for acquisition, licenses, and other transactions.

Mr. Simmons analyzes and prepares opinions regarding freedom to operate, patentability, and validity, and advises on how to best manage and assemble successful patent portfolios. Before practicing law, he spent several years as a senior research chemist for Dow Plastics, where he handled polymer design, polymer processing, and additives research.

## AWARDS & HONORS

- Texas Rising Stars, 2006-2008
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2024-present
- *Texas Super Lawyers*, 2024-present

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Texas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- American Bar Association, Member
- American Intellectual Property Law Association, Member
- Houston Bar Association, Member
- Houston Intellectual Property Law Association, Member
- Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow