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Paul Steadman, an experienced first-chair trial lawyer, represents global companies in complex patent, trade secret, and other IP-related litigation.

*Chambers USA* has repeatedly recognized Paul's practice as "professional, capable and thorough" and says clients are "impressed with the service of the team" and "appreciate the oversight they give." Paul and his team "play a *vital role* in elevating DLA Piper's national patent litigation practice. [The]h lawyers distinguish themselves in the ITC, where their collectedness, dedication and speed pay dividends; but are also highly adept in other forums, including district courts around the country, as well as the PTAB. Some of their best work has been done in the automotive industry, though they are completely at ease with any type of mechanical or electrical technology." – *IAM Patent 1000, 2021*. The *IAM Patent 1000* also says Paul's team is the "jumping-off point for representing leading computer, communications and automotive companies," and that Paul "gets right down to business in the courtroom and is a confident leader of mission-focused trial teams." The *Legal 500 United States* called Paul an "aggressive" leader in the litigation of trade secret cases and noted that his name "came up frequently" in interviews with clients as a partner with a "proven track record in trade secrets work."

With a degree in Materials Science Engineering and a strong background in the materials, mechanical and electrical arts, Paul is comfortable in almost any technology. His ability to understand and present technology is reflected in his work on behalf of clients in diverse technical fields, including: GPS and related navigation system technology, medical products, medical imaging, inverter controller integrated circuits, automotive safety systems and sensors, diesel fuel injectors and injection systems, lawn and garden and compact-utility tractors, high-tech glass, disposable and re-usable ear plugs, healthcare networks, consumer electronics, various semiconductors and integrated circuits, voltage protection, monolithic valves, computer software, digital compression, high-definition television, InGaN LEDs, DRAMs, MP3 players, hard disk media, and auto parts manufacturing.

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Patent Litigation
- Antitrust and Competition
- Appellate Advocacy
- Cross-Border Litigation
- International Arbitration
- Commercial Contracts Disputes
  
- Technology

Paul has appeared as lead trial counsel to clients in jury trials, before the International Trade Commission investigating Section 337 violations, in federal and state court appeals, in *Markman* claim construction and other evidentiary hearings, before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, in United States Bankruptcy Court, and in mediations and arbitrations.

## CREDENTIALS

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### Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Illinois
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

### Recognitions

Paul received the 2019 Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service from the United States District Court, in conjunction with the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

The *IAM Patent 1000* states Paul's "Chicago patent litigation team does not just show up on the doorstep when companies get sued – it likes to get to grips with clients and understand their business at an intimate level. In line with this, the DLA Piper partners are hands on and routinely go the extra mile to visit those they represent – wherever they are in the world – which, for Paul Steadman and Matthew Satchwell, means lots of trips to Japan. Hailed by eminent peers as 'strong advocates who produce excellent written and oral work', these two dynamic and no-nonsense litigators are 'devastatingly effective in the courtroom.' They are in especially hot demand for representation when fights kick off in the automotive space, but their wins are notched up across the high-tech domain. They score additional points for running things at the ITC and making judicious use of the firm's rich chest of global resources whenever it is advantageous.

*Chambers USA* has repeatedly recognized the active role Paul plays in the Illinois practice in both litigation and the ITC, and as part of a leading IP firm globally. They have noted his defense of "Hyundai Motors against patent infringement claims by Blitzsafe concerning technology for audio integration for the use of third party devices in vehicles." Additionally, clients have stated the practice is "professional, capable and thorough" and are "impressed with the service of the team" and "appreciate the oversight they give."

*The Legal 500 United States* has recommended Paul as "very reliable for [his] clients but formidable to [his] opponents." The directory has called Paul an "aggressive" leader in the litigation of trade secret cases and noted that his name "came up frequently" in interviews with clients as a partner with a "proven track record in trade secrets work." He was part of the trial team that successfully defended a leading tractor manufacturer in a patent infringement jury trial in the Central District of Illinois, a verdict later chosen as one of *The National Law Journal's* Top Defense Wins. *The Legal 500 United States* has described Paul as "an outstanding IP litigator," and added that he "has amassed great experience in many aspects of patent disputes such as depositions, settlement negotiations and trials."

Paul is also part of an active IP practice lauded by several publications including those by BTI Consulting and *Corporate Counsel*. The practice has been selected by BTI as one of the "Best of the Best" IP law firms for more than five years. The firm was recognized BTI's *Client Service 30* in 2019 recognizing the top firms who deliver the absolute best in client service, and has named DLA Piper to "The Awesome Opponents" list in BTI's *Most Feared Firms in Litigation* publication.

### Clerk Experience

- The Honorable Patrick E. Higginbotham, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 1996 – 1997

### Education

- J.D., The University of Chicago Law School 1996  
Editor, *University of Chicago Law Review*  
Editor, *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy, Symposium Edition*  
Fellow, Olin Foundation in Law & Economics
- B.S., Material Science Engineering (second degree in Economics), Rice University 1991

### Courts

- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

- United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- United States District Court for the District of Oklahoma
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

## Memberships

- Federal Circuit Bar Association
- Fifth Circuit Bar Association
- The Federalist Society
- *Scribes*, The American Society of Writers on Legal Subjects
- American Inns of Court
- The Chicago Inn of Court
- Board Member, Trinity High School

## INSIGHTS

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## Publications

### DLA Piper launches annual Global Patent Symposium in Tokyo

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On November 6, 2013, DLA Piper launched its first Annual Global Patent Symposium in Tokyo, attended by 120 guests, including intellectual property and technology decision-makers from top Japanese companies.

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- Co-author, "Trade Secret Litigation," *Corporate Disputes Magazine*, October - December, 2021
- Co-author, "The Return of Employees, Business Partners and Vendors to the Office: Five Steps to Protect Trade Secrets," *Business Law Today*, June 12, 2020
- Trade secrets are more important, and trade secret litigation is more common: 7 questions to ask yourself about protecting your company, August 3, 2017
- Co-author, "Corporate Counsel Should Carefully Consider the Company's Trade Secret Position and Form a Game Plan to Protect the Company," *IPWatchdog*, November 2017
- DLA Piper launches annual Global Patent Symposium in Tokyo, *Intellectual Property and Technology News*, March 26, 2014
- Co-author, *US Patent Law Reform*, Japan Institute for Promoting Invention and Innovation, 2013
- Co-author, "Collaboration Between In-House and Outside Counsel Is the Key to Successful Budgeting of Legal Matters," *First Chair Magazine*, May 2012

## Events

- Moderator, "Trade Secrets Litigation at the ITC with ITC Judge Cameron Elliot," IPLAC (April 8, 2021)

- Speaker, "Inherency in Obviousness and Anticipation," Webinar (September 12, 2019)
- DLA Global Patent Symposium (Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya, annually 2013-2019)
- Speaker, "Global Trade Secret and Know-How Protection in an Evolving Landscape," Webinar (March 27, 2018)
- The 7th DLA Piper Seoul Seminar Series/The IHCF Seminar (Seoul, February 2014)
- Moderator, "Understanding the New Strategic Threats to Your Company's Intellectual Property," Association of Corporate Counsel (Chicago, January 2014)

## NEWS

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### 25 DLA Piper lawyers in 9 countries recognized as world's leading patent professionals

15 October 2020

*IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals 2020* has named 25 DLA Piper lawyers in nine countries to its list of top patent professionals.

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## MEDIA MENTIONS

- "PTAB Nixes Broadcom's Bid to Amend Satellite Positioning IP," *Law 360*, August 31, 2020
- "ITC Ends Broadcom IP Probe Into Toyota, Panasonic Imports," *Law 360*, May 5, 2020
- "ITC To Review Decision Clearing Toyota In Broadcom IP Probe," *Law360*, February 27, 2020
- "Intellectual Ventures Didn't Own ITC Probe Patents: Car Cos.," *Law360*, June 22, 2017
- "Mazda Gets Partial Win in Signal Car-Safety Patent-Suit," *Law360*, March 31, 2016

## PRO BONO

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Paul has had an active pro bono practice, including high-profile litigation on trademark and copyright matters. He has twice represented a class of all children detained at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Facility (resulting in improved confinement conditions for all children held at the facility). He recently won a case to obtain electronic records from the Cook County Juvenile Detention Facility. He recently represented an inmate at Cook County Jail for violations to US Constitutional rights.