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Former U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles Everingham advises clients on intellectual property litigation matters, with a particular focus on patent litigation.

#### Practice & Background

Mr. Everingham has had a distinguished career in both public service and private practice. For over four years, he served as a magistrate judge in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, one of the busiest patent litigation courts in the federal system. During his tenure on the bench, Mr. Everingham handled numerous Markman proceedings and trials of complex patent cases. With the consent of all parties, he presided over hundreds of civil cases, the vast majority of which were intellectual property disputes involving industries such as medical devices, computer hardware and software, recreational equipment, advanced electronics and semiconductors, automotive and telecommunications. While at the court, Mr. Everingham handled countless issues arising in patent cases, and he was instrumental in the creation of docket control, discovery and protective order measures designed to facilitate the disposition of complex cases.

From 2000 to 2007, Mr. Everingham served as the permanent law clerk to the Hon. T. John Ward, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. From 1994 to 2000, Mr. Everingham was an associate at another Longview, Texas firm where his practice focused on a variety of civil matters, representing clients in both state and federal courts. He began his legal career as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Howell Cobb, who was also a member of the bench for the Eastern District of Texas.

Mr. Everingham received his B.A. *cum laude* from Stephen F. Austin State University, where he earned a degree in political science. He subsequently compiled an outstanding academic record at Baylor Law School, where he served as lead articles editor for the *Baylor Law Review* and received his J.D. *cum laude* as the "Highest Ranking Student in Graduating Class." He is a member of the Texas Bar.

#### Community Involvement

- Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation

- Member of the State Bar of Texas Committee on Professionalism

**Speaking Engagements**

- *Tips for Managing Complex Litigation in a Busy Venue*, Dallas CLE Series for In-house Counsel, November 2011
- *Fifth Strategic Use of Patent Reexamination Seminar*, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, October 11, 2011
- The Sedona Conference on Patent Litigation, Del Mar, California, October 13-14, 2011 (faculty)
- *Intellectual Property, Copyrights & Trade Secrets*, Advanced Civil Trial Course, Houston, Texas, October 27, 2011
- AIA's Non-Joinder – in Tension with MDL – What Will Litigants & Courts Do?, ACPC 2012 Winter Meeting, San Diego, California, January 18, 2012
- *Preparing Your Device Portfolio for Litigation: Limiting Liability and Managing and Reducing Costs*, American Conference Institute, Medical Device Patents, Boston, Massachusetts, February 29, 2012
- *Abstract Reasoning – Recent Developments in the Law of Patentable Subject Matter Under 35 U.S.C. §101*, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference, Arlington, Virginia, March 28, 2012
- *Judicial Perspectives on NPE Litigation*, American Conference Institute, New York, New York, June 12, 2012.

**Areas of Experience**

- Intellectual Property
- Patent Litigation
- Trade Secret Litigation
- Communications and Information Technology
- Telecommunications
- Energy
- Oil and Gas
- Health Care and Life Sciences
- Hospitality
- Hotels
- Retail
- North America

**Education**

DEGREES

- J.D., Baylor University School of Law, *cum laude*, 1993
- B.A., Stephen F. Austin State University, *cum laude*, 1989

**Admissions**

BAR

- Texas

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- U.S.D.C., Eastern District of Texas

**Media Mentions & Press Releases**

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FEB 4      Chad Everingham Offers Preview of IP Issues to Watch in Coming Year

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OCT 3      Akin Gump Expands IP Practice With Addition of Partners Chad Everingham and David Stein