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At a Glance

Electrical Engineering Background

Jake earned his undergraduate electrical engineering degree with honors from University of Texas at Arlington.

IP Litigation Experience

In addition to his highly regarded skills in patent preparation and prosecution, Jake also represents clients in patent litigation matters and works with our award-winning litigation team to help clients win eight figure jury verdicts.

Diverse Technical Background

Jake prepares and prosecutes domestic and international patent applications in a variety of technical areas including electrical circuitry, semiconductor devices, telecommunication systems, software applications, computer architecture, building automation, control systems, medical devices, oilfield production and exploration equipment, and aircraft components."

Jake LaCombe is a leading patent and intellectual property partner at Munck Wilson Mandala, recognized for his expertise in developing and managing patent portfolios for a diverse range of clients, from innovative startups to Fortune 500 companies. With a focus on cutting-edge technologies such as 5G and artificial intelligence, Jake guides clients through the complexities of intellectual property in both domestic and global markets.

In addition to his portfolio management work, Jake plays a crucial role in the litigation side of the firm's practice. He has been instrumental in securing ten-figure jury verdicts for MWM clients in high-stakes trade secret and patent infringement cases. His nuanced understanding of patent enforcement and defense allows him to provide comprehensive strategies tailored to each client's unique needs.

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Jake graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. He received his J.D. from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. Before joining Munck Wilson Mandala, Jake prepared and prosecuted patent applications at a boutique intellectual property law firm in Dallas.

Experience

- Represented numerous technology clients to successfully obtain domestic and international patent protection for inventions in various technical areas
- Performed due diligence research and review for sellers, purchasers, licensors, and licensees for various high-value intellectual property transactions
- Represented video creation company in assertion of patent infringement claims in the Northern District of Texas and defended reexamination proceeding with the United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Represented monitoring device company in successful assertion of patent infringement claim in the Northern District of Texas
- Counseled start-up media company on the growth and enforcement of their patent portfolio

Focus Areas

Aerospace & Defense

Automotive Technology

Big Data & Privacy

Biotech

Blockchain & Cryptocurrency

Cleantech

Electronic Gaming

Fintech

FoodTech & Agriculture

IP Audits & Legal Opinions

IP Portfolio Management & Counseling

Internet

Inter Partes Reviews (IPRs)

Life Sciences

Patent Litigation

Patents

Standard Essential Patents (SEP)

Telecom

Semiconductors

Manufacturing

Medical Devices

IP Due Diligence

Trade Secret Litigation

Speeches / Publications

- Perfecting Patent Portfolio Management in the 21st century, Inside Counsel Magazine, April 8, 2014

Education

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, JD, 2009

University of Texas at Arlington, BS, 2005

Electrical Engineering

cum laude

Associations & Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
Intellectual Property Section
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- Registered U.S. Patent Attorney
- Dallas Entrepreneur Center (DEC),
Mentor
- The Werx in McKinney
Mentor

Honors & Awards

- Best Lawyers in America
2025
- IP Stars Rising Star, Managing Intellectual Property Magazine, Patent Star
2022-2024
- IAM Patent 1000 Recommended Professionals
2024-2025
- Texas Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters
2017-2023

- Up and Coming 100: Texas Rising Stars
Thomson Reuters
2023

Bar Admissions

Texas, 2009

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas