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At a Glance

Recognized Trial Lawyer

Wallace is recognized as a tenacious, ethical advocate for commercial and intellectual property disputes. He works hard to develop the facts of each case into a credible and compelling narrative to achieve his clients' goals and objectives.

Diverse Litigation Practice

Wallace's practice focuses on business disputes involving patents, trademarks, trade secrets, contracts, fraud, unfair competition, securities, investments, business breakups, and similar matters.

Great Client Service

Clients consider Wallace a bright, personable, responsive, and thorough litigator. They say it is a pleasure to work with him and recommend him to their business colleagues.

Wallace is a partner in the complex litigation/dispute resolution group. He represents clients in state court and federal courts, as well as in arbitrations, administrative proceedings, and appeals. With over 20 years of experience, Wallace uses common sense, strategic thinking, and zealous advocacy to achieve results for his clients.

Wallace received his undergraduate degree from the Honors College at Texas Tech University with a double major in finance and economics before attending Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, where he was an editor for the International Law Review Association. Wallace and his wife, Lauren, are proud parents of two daughters.

Experience

- Represented plaintiffs and defendants in over 40 patent cases litigated in court, covering a wide variety of technologies, including electrical-mechanical systems, computer hardware and software, and life sciences.

- Won a \$10 million verdict in a patent case involving motion detection devices in the Northern District of Texas.
- Won a defense verdict of no infringement on behalf of a manufacturer of tactical fiber optic connectors in the Eastern District of Texas.
- Represented a company offering livestreaming systems and services in a patent case in the Eastern District of Texas; defeated a motion for preliminary injunction and then invalidated the asserted patents in IPR proceedings at the Patent Office.
- Represented a vending machine manufacturer in a patent infringement suit against two main competitors resulting in favorable settlements before trial.
- Represented a major airline in multiple cases involving data scraping and commercial use of its website; obtained injunctions to stop the unauthorized activity.
- Won a jury trial for a plaintiff in a case involving telecom contracts in Tarrant County, Texas.
- Won a bench trial for a plaintiff in a securities fraud case in Dallas County, Texas.
- Won a jury trial for a plaintiff in a commercial fraud case in Dallas County, Texas.
- Obtained summary judgment for a defendant in a case asserting fraud and breach of fiduciary duties in Collin County, Texas; the plaintiff was required to pay the defendant's legal fees following a successful appeal to the Fifth District Court of Appeals.
- Defended a telecom company in a suit over pre-paid calling cards in Dallas County, Texas; obtained a defense verdict for returns of defective cards.
- Defended a bank against claims for unpaid commissions and partnership profits; obtained a defense verdict in a jury trial in the Northern District of Texas.
- Represented plaintiffs and defendants in numerous trademark cases, successfully prosecuting and defending claims for injunctions and damages.
- Successfully defended securities fraud cases brought by state enforcement agencies in Texas, Colorado, and Ohio.
- Successfully defended multiple FINRA securities actions and investigations.
- Obtained summary judgment for a defense contractor accused of fraud and deceptive trade practices in multiparty litigation.
- Successfully prosecuted subrogation claims on behalf of insurance companies involving catastrophic property losses due to product defects and negligence in multiple states.
- Represented plaintiffs and defendants in over 20 non-compete cases, including successfully obtaining and defending against TROs and temporary injunctions.
- Defended officers and directors on \$100 million breach of fiduciary duty claims by Chapter 7 Trustee.
- Represented a purchaser of land in a \$5 million dispute regarding restrictive covenants on the property.
- Defended a hotel owner in an \$8 million dispute involving claims of corporate waste, breach of contract, and fraud.
- Represented a buyer in a \$10 million dispute against sellers of a sign manufacturing business for failing to honor a purchase agreement.
- Represented a governmental taxing authority in a \$25 million collection dispute involving oil and gas interests.
- Represented a real estate investment trust in a dispute against a commercial lender over a dishonored \$150 million lending commitment.

Focus Areas

Antitrust & Competition
Aerospace & Defense
Cybersecurity & Data Privacy
Automotive Technology
Class Action Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Corporate Governance Litigation
Large Loss Property Subrogation
Energy / Oil & Gas
Real Estate Litigation
Business Breakups & Partnership Disputes
Patent Litigation
Securities Litigation
Trade Secret Litigation

Speeches / Publications

- Corporate Representative Depositions: Tips and Traps, Dallas Bar Association Headnotes, September 2015
- The Sword and the Shield: Building offensive and defensive IP portfolios, Inside Counsel, 2014
- Building an Offensive and Defensive IP Portfolio: Identifying Opportunities and Countering Threats, Commercial Law WebAdvisor, 2014

Education

Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, JD, 2003
Texas Tech University, BBA, 2000
Economics

Associations & Memberships

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association

Honors & Awards

- Best Lawyers in America
2024

- Texas Rising Star, Thomson Reuters
2010, 2012-2019
- Top 100 Up-and-Coming Texas Rising Stars, Thomson Reuters
2017-2018

Bar Admissions

Texas, 2003

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

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

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

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

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

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan