

Honors & Awards



Munck Wilson attorneys have distinguished themselves in numerous areas of practice, earning recognition in leading publications such as Law360, Chambers USA, the National Law Journal, Best Lawyers in America, Best Lawyers Ones to Watch, Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, D Magazine, Dallas Business Journal, and Los Angeles Business Journal. We are tremendously proud of these accomplishments and even more excited about our future.



2021 Texas Regional Powerhouse – Law360

Munck Wilson Mandala LLP attorneys, along with Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, Haynes & Boone, McKool Smith and Vinson & Elkins, leaned into the firm’s emphasis on teamwork to guide major transactions and secure litigation wins that earned it a spot as a 2021 Texas Powerhouse, including a \$2.3 billion technology acquisition and \$85.9 million trade secret trial verdict.



2021 Most Inspiring Companies – Dallas Business Journal

Munck Wilson Mandala was honored as one of Dallas Business Journal’s 2021 Most Inspiring Leaders company award winners. Among the highlights that won **MWM** recognition were zero layoffs during the pandemic, an impressive DEI initiative, and a positive vaccination policy.



The Dallas 500 – D CEO Magazine

William A. Munck has been honored among North Texas’s most influential leaders for three consecutive years. **Michael McCabe** was honored in 2022 and **Tasha Schwikert** was honored in 2021. The Dallas 500 is published annually by the editors of D CEO magazine.



2022 U.S. News – Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms”

Munck Wilson Mandala was ranked in Dallas for commercial litigation, copyright law, corporate law, employment law/ management, insurance law, IP litigation, labor law/management, litigation/construction, litigation/labor and employment, litigation/patent, mergers & acquisitions law, patent law, product liability litigation/defendants, sports law, technology law, and venture capital law. In Austin, MWM ranked in copyright law, IP litigation, and trademark law. In Los Angeles, MWM ranked in IP litigation.



2021 IP Stars – Managing Intellectual Property

William Munck, **Greg Howison** and **David Doyle** are listed in Managing Intellectual Property’s 2021 edition of IP Stars USA. MIP’s research is based on a weighted system of peer review and client feedback, combined with a review of information submitted by firms and publicly available information.



2021 Benchmark Litigation

Michael McCabe has been recognized as a 2021 Benchmark Litigation Labor & Employment Star for a second consecutive year. Benchmark Litigation is considered the go-to resource for litigation rankings and analysis. Research is conducted through extensive interviews with litigators, dispute resolution specialists and their clients, to identify the leading litigators and firms.

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2021 Southern Trailblazers – American Lawyer

Mabel Simpson has been recognized as a 2021 Southern Trailblazer for her work in real estate and land use. **William A. Munck** was honored as a 2019 Texas Trailblazer in intellectual property. Southern and Texas Trailblazers are professionals who have made significant marks on the practice, policy, and technological advancement of their practice.



2021 Women, Influence, & Power in Law – Corporate Counsel

Jenny Martinez has been recognized as a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Champion in the Law Firm category of the 2021 Women, Influence and Power in Law Awards. WIPL honors top women lawyers who have made a remarkable difference in the legal profession.



2020 Inc. Best Workplaces

Munck Wilson Mandala is one of the highest-scoring businesses with standout employee engagement and the only full-service law firm to be honored. Inc. Best Workplaces is the result of a comprehensive measurement of private American companies that have created exceptional workplaces through vibrant cultures, deep employee engagement, and stellar benefits. Out of thousands of applicants, Inc. singled out just under 300 companies. **MWM** was listed in 2018 as well.



2020 Litigation Department of the Year – Texas Lawyer

The Texas Lawyer honors impact makers in the legal industry annually with the Texas Legal Awards. **Munck Wilson Mandala** is proud to be named the Litigation Department of the Year in the midsize firm/general litigation category. The firm was selected as a finalist for Litigation Department of the Year in 2018.



2020 Diversity & Inclusion Champion and On the Rise – Texas Lawyer

William A. Munck was honored as a Diversity & Inclusion Champion, and **Tasha Schwikert**, a corporate and sports law associate, was honored as a lawyer On the Rise during the Texas Legal Awards, presented by Texas Lawyer.



Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America

The Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America, published by Lawdragon, is one of the most highly respected guides to the best lawyers in the nation, representing far less than 1% of the legal profession. **William A. Munck** and **Jenny Martinez** have both been recognized as Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America.



2020 Top Women Attorneys – Los Angeles Business Journal

Jenifer Wallis is among the 2020 Top Women Attorneys, identified by their peers as leaders in their respective practice areas. Jenifer is an IP litigation and entertainment law partner of the **MWM** LA office.



Texas Lawyer Hall of Fame Verdicts

The Texas Lawyer honor for law firms that have produced the highest verdicts from 2014–2018. **MWM** was honored for two intellectual property cases: **Michael McCabe** and **Michael Wilson** served as lead counsel for **Texas Advanced Optoelectronic Solutions, Inc. v. Intersil Corp.** \$88,856,661.51 and **Michael Wilson** and **Wallace Dunwoody** were lead counsel for **iLife Technologies, Inc. v. Nintendo of America Inc.** \$10,100,100.



2019 Leaders in Law – Los Angeles Business Journal

Gary Hecker is among the 2019 Leaders in Law, which are lawyers identified by their peers as leaders in their respective practice areas. Gary is the managing partner of the **MWM** LA office and was honored in the intellectual property category.



Chambers USA

William A. Munck, **Munck Wilson Mandala's** managing partner, has been ranked as a leading individual attorney in his field (intellectual property) in Texas by Chambers & Partners Publishing from 2004–2021. Chambers USA observed that **MWM** is "especially well known for its expertise in IP disputes," and clients describe William A. Munck as "extraordinarily smart."

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IAM Patent 1000

Munck Wilson Mandala and partners **William Munck, David Doyle, Greg Howison, and Mike Wilson** are listed in the 2020 IAM Patent 1000. Online and in its printed version, the IAM Patent 1000 is commonly regarded as the definitive ‘go-to’ resource for those seeking to identify world-class, private practice patent expertise and leading expert witnesses in the US. IAM listings are the result of an exhaustive qualitative research process to identify outstanding firms and individuals across multiple jurisdictions.



Texas Super Lawyers — Thomson Reuters

Super Lawyers is a listing of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Only 5% of the attorneys in the state are named to the list each year. Selection is based upon peer nominations, a blue-ribbon panel review, and independent research of candidates. **Munck Wilson** attorneys who have been recognized as Texas Super Lawyers by Thomson Reuters include **Matthew S. Anderson** (2003–2021), **Alison Battiste** (2020–2021), **David M. Doyle** (2015–2021), **Steven Fleckman** (2021), **Greg Howison** (2011–2021), **Shain Khoshbin** (2007–2021), **Lawrence B. Mandala** (2009–2021), **Jenny Martinez** (2015–2021), **Michael A. McCabe** (2013–2021), **Robert D. McCutcheon** (2004–2005, 2008–2021), **Mark W. Moran**, (2011–2021), **Audrey E. Mross** (2010–2021), **William A. Munck** (2003–2021), **Bill Raman** (2003–2021), **Randall G. Ray** (2012–2021), **Michael G. Rodriguez** (2015–2021), **Daniel E. Venglarik** (2004–2021), and **Michael C. Wilson** (2009–2021).



Texas Rising Stars – Thomson Reuters

Rising Stars are attorneys who are 40 years old or younger, or who have been practicing for 10 years or less. Only 2.5% of Texas attorneys are chosen annually to be Rising Stars. **Munck Wilson** is privileged to have several “Rising Stars” recognized annually for their work in business litigation, intellectual property, employment and labor, mergers and acquisitions, and securities and corporate finance. Munck Wilson attorneys who have been recognized as Texas Rising Stars by Thomson Reuters include **David M. Arvesen** (2021), **S. Wallace Dunwoody** (2010–2019), **Neil Ferrari** (2018–2021), **Keith D. Harden** (2021), **Marc S. Kaliser** (2017–2021), **Jacob L. LaCombe** (2017–2021), **Sarah J. Lopano** (2016–2021), **Lauren Mitchell** (2018–2021), **Nichole Plagens** (2021), and **Jordan Strauss** (2019, 2021).



Best Lawyers in America – Woodward/White, Inc.

The Best Lawyers in America® published by WoodwardWhite, Inc., is widely regarded by both clients and legal professionals as a significant honor. The **Munck Wilson** attorneys who have been recognized in Best Lawyers in America® are **William A. Munck** (2006–2022) copyright law, IP litigation, patent litigation, patent law, sports law, and venture capital law; **Greg Howison** (2022) patent law and technology law; **Shain Khoshbin** (2022) commercial litigation, **Larry Mandala** (2021–2022) M&A; **Jenny Martinez** (2022) commercial litigation, **Michael A. McCabe** (2016–2022) commercial litigation, employment law–management, labor & employment litigation; **Mark W. Moran** (2018–2022) construction litigation; **Audrey Mross** (2021–2022) employment law–management; **Bill Raman** (2009–2022) copyright law, IP litigation, and trademark law; **Randall G. Ray** (2016–2022) corporate law and M&A; **Michael C. Wilson** (2018–2022) commercial litigation, IP litigation and insurance law; **Charles Zerner** (2019–2022) commercial litigation; and **Gary Hecker** (2021–2022) IP litigation.



Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch – Woodward/White, Inc.

The inaugural Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch honors attorney in private practice who have practiced 10 years or less and stand out from the crowd. The **Munck Wilson** attorneys who have been recognized as Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch are **Chase Cobern** (2021–2022) commercial litigation; **Stacy Grace** (2021–2022) corporate law and M&A; **Keith Harden** (2021–2022) patent law; **Tiffany Kahler** (2021–2022) commercial litigation, **Sarah Lopano** (2021–2022) commercial litigation; **Nichole Plagens** (2021–2022) labor & employment law–management; **Tasha Schwikert** (2021–2022) construction law; and **Jordan Strauss** (2021–2022) commercial litigation.