



An avid and quick learner with a passion for innovation, Craig Leavell has a substantial breadth of knowledge across a range of technology areas. Craig uses that insight to carefully guide and represent intellectual property owners in protecting and enforcing their rights, and in defending those accused of infringing the rights of others.

Craig's practice encompasses various IP and technology matters, including utility and design patents, trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights, unfair trade practices, and contract disputes, with a focus on patent infringement and trade secrets litigation – developed over the course of more than 20 years. He is valued for being able to efficiently digest the science and mechanics behind how and why such technologies work, and explain those complicated facets in more easy to understand terms for clients, courts and juries.

Craig's experience includes virtually all aspects of IP litigation on behalf of both IP owners and accused infringers, including jury trials, bench trials, preliminary injunction hearings before district courts around the country, as well as appeals before multiple federal courts of appeals. Craig has significant experience with inter partes review (IPR) and post grant review (PGR) trials before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), investigations before the International Trade Commission, mediations, and arbitrations.

Craig is not intimidated by any particular technology. He enjoys learning about new inventions, processes and procedures, which allows him to grow as his clients grow. He provides clients with solid counsel regarding diesel engines and fuel systems, vehicle navigation and infotainment systems, telematics systems, power window motors and safety systems, railroad freight cars, data security, medical devices and methods of treatment, and control systems and algorithms. Craig also has experience advising on CDMA and GSM wireless telecommunication devices, fiber optic communication and distribution equipment, modems, semiconductor designs and processing techniques, image processing equipment and methods, video coding and decoding software and hardware, liquid crystal

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law,
(J.D.), magna cum laude, 1998

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign,
(B.S.), general engineering, cum laude,
1995

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second
Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern
District of Illinois (Trial Bar)

U.S. District Court for the Central District
of Illinois

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

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

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

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

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Intellectual Property

displays, high-speed and cloud-based printing technologies, and website technologies.

Outside of his IP practice, Craig has always been invested in pro bono work. He finds helping those in need very rewarding, particularly those he has represented in connection with Lawyers for the Creative Arts.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Board member, Lawyers for the Creative Arts
- Member, American Inns of Court, Linn Inn Chapter
- Member, Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

Honors

- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service, 2019
- Faegre Baker Daniels Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2018-2019
- Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2008, 2012-2013

- Internet and Technology
- Japanese Services
- Licensing
- Litigation
- Logistics and Transportation
- Patent Litigation
- Post-Grant and Inter Partes Review
- Trade Dress
- Trade Secret Litigation
- Trade Secrets
- Trademark Litigation and Unfair Competition

INDUSTRIES

- Manufacturing