



David Kelly assists clients with a range of business and intellectual property matters, including strategic counseling, licensing, litigation and appeals. Appreciated for his candor and responsiveness, David is tenacious in protecting and defending his clients' rights.

David is a full-service attorney with more than 20 years' experience representing clients in a wide range of matters, such as contracts, patents, trademarks, trade secrets, false advertising, unfair competition, antitrust, and compliance. Representative technologies David has handled include life sciences, reproductive services, immunology, biologics, pharmaceuticals, plastics, medical devices, financial services, and compliance.

David serves as lead trial counsel for clients in federal district courts throughout the United States, as well as in contested cases before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. He is also an experienced appellate advocate, arguing multiple cases before the Federal Circuit and the Patent and Trial Board.

Additionally, David manages his clients' international IP portfolios, overseeing the prosecution, licensing, and enforcement of hundreds of patents and trademarks, and providing clearance opinions and conducting IP due diligence.

David also devotes a substantial amount of time to pro bono work, focusing on Atlanta-based nonprofits. In 2021, he helped secure an inmate's compassionate release from prison.

A noted thought leader, David has authored dozens of articles, provided commentary in leading business publications, and given numerous presentations on legal writing and IP issues.

David is also an avid backpacker, having hiked various sections of the Appalachian, Bartram, and Benton McKaye trails.

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EDUCATION

University of California, Davis School of Law, (J.D.)

University of Georgia, (B.S.), genetics

University of Georgia, (B.S.),
microbiology

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

Georgia

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS

Patent & Trial Appeal Board

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of
Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal
Circuit

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Appeals and Critical Motions

Biotechnology

Contract Litigation

Data Security and Privacy

Food, Drug and Device Law

Professional and Community Involvement

- Board Member, Georgia Lawyers for the Arts, 2020 - present
- Member, Atlanta Bar Association
- Member, The Humane Society
- Member, World Wildlife Fund
- Member, Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Member, Appalachian Trail Conservatory

Honors

- The Best Lawyers in America, 2024
- Georgia Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2013-2016
- Daily Report, Rising Legal Star Under 40, 2014

- Intellectual Property
- IP Strategy and Management
- Opinions
- Patent Litigation
- Patent Services - Counseling and Prosecution
- Regulatory Litigation
- Technology Transactions
- Trademarks

INDUSTRIES

- Agriculture and Food
- Life Sciences