Stephen Burbank

PARTNER

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Overview

Stephen's background in land and mineral interest issues combined with his time spent as a Federal Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Alan Albright give him valuable perspective when it comes to working with clients.

Since joining the firm, Stephen has developed a significant practice in intellectual property litigation, representing dozens of clients in patent infringement lawsuits pending in the Western District of Texas spanning various industries, including consumer electronics, internet-related services and products, social networking services, wireless and broadband communications, video games, semiconductor, medical technology, and oilfield services.

While attending Texas A&M University, Stephen worked as a Petroleum Landman for a land and title company where he worked alongside attorneys to identify, research and remedy title issues.

During law school, Stephen served as Managing Executive Editor of the Baylor Law Review, and was chosen to represent Baylor at the National Moot Court Competition sponsored by the NYC Bar Committee on Young Lawyers.

Stephen graduated first in his class at Baylor Law School and went on to earn the highest score on the July 2018 Texas Bar Exam.

Experience

Part of trial team that secured a complete defense verdict for a global online travel company in an action filed under the Helms-Burton Act seeking $1.7 billion in damages.

Represents clients in patent infringement lawsuits spanning various industries, including consumer electronics, computer networking, software development and publishing, internet-related services and products, social networking services, financial services, wireless and broadband communications, video games, semiconductor, online travel, capital equipment, medical

technology and oilfield services.

Awards

- Texas Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, IP Litigation, 2025

News & Insights

- Stephen Burbank joins the firm as an Associate
- City of San Antonio - Sanctuary City
- SDM wins defense verdict on billion-dollar Helms-Burton Act claim
- SDM wins complete defense judgment in Miami federal court, reversing verdicts totaling $119 million

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation & Torts
- Fiduciary Duty Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Oil & Gas Litigation

Education

- Baylor Law School, J.D., summa cum laude, 2018
  - Baylor Law Review, Managing Executive Editor
  - Chosen to represent Baylor at the National Moot Court Competition sponsored by the NYC Bar
  - Committee on Young Lawyers

- Texas A&M University, B.A., magna cum laude, 2015
  - Texas A&M Crew, Novice Men's Captain

Admissions

- State Bar of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

Activities

- Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout, 2006 – 2010