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Matulis IP Law
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Summary - Florida Bar-Board Certified in Intellectual Property since 2007, with over twenty-nine years of litigation and transactional experience focused primarily on intellectual property and commercial disputes (patents, trademarks, restrictive covenants, trade secrets, copyrights, breach of contract, and shareholder disputes). Qualified and served as expert witness in substantive areas of IP law and attorneys' fees. Registered Patent Attorney.

Awards - Selected via peer voting ten times in last 13 years by Best Lawyers in America as the Tampa-area *Lawyer of the Year* in intellectual property law, including three times in I.P. Litigation (2016, 2019 & 2024), once in Patent Litigation (2026), four times in Trademark Law (2013, 2017, 2024 & 2026), and twice in Copyright Law (2021 & 2023). Also selected for recognition in the specialty areas of Commercial Litigation. Selected to Super Lawyers, featuring selected Intellectual Property Law attorneys from across the United States, for every year since 2010. Selected to World Trademark Review (WTR) 1000 (2025, 2026). Rated "AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5" by Martindale Hubbell.

Firm Awards – Matulis IP Law selected by peer voting as U.S. News & World Report Tier 1 firm in multiple areas of intellectual property and Tier 2 firm in commercial litigation since 2016.

Mediator / Arbitrator - Certified mediator (circuit civil) since 2015 and arbitrator since 2021.

Bar Activities - *Florida Bar* – ADR Section - Mediation Committee Chair (2026-2027); Executive Council, 2025-2027; Business Law Section - Executive Council, 2021-2024; Chair, Intellectual Property Committee, 2020-2021; Computer & Technology Law Committee; Business Litigation Committee), Entertainment, Arts & Sports Section; Trial Lawyers Section. *Hillsborough County Bar Association* - Co-Chair, Mediation and Arbitration Section, 2018-2019; Co-Chair, Intellectual Property Section, 2009-2011. *Inns of Court* - Florida Intellectual Property American Inn of Court (starting 2026, invited as Master of the Bench); Ferguson White (1999-2000, 2023-2024), and Glenn Terrell (1997-1998)

Education - J.D., University of Florida Frederic G. Levin College of Law, with honors (1995); B.S. Chemical Engineering, Clemson University (1989). Editor-in-Chief Florida Law Review.

Work Experience – Matulis IP Law / Matulis Mediation | Arbitration (2014-present); Conwell Kirkpatrick P.A. (2009-2014); Conwell Business Law (2014); Fowler White Boggs Banker (1995 – 2009). Chemical Engineer, CF Industries (1989-1991).

Admissions – All state and federal courts in Florida; Eastern District of Michigan; 11th Circuit Court of Appeals; Court of Appeals for Federal Circuit; U.S.P.T.O.; U.S. Supreme Court