

Jim Matulis Résumé

Practice

Legal practice limited to exclusively business litigation and transactions since 1999. Lead counsel or mediator in a wide variety of cases in state and federal courts, including numerous disputes involving the following: breach of contract (website development and maintenance, service agreements, supply agreements, technology design and development, non-competition/NDA, shareholder/member agreements, etc.); corporate dissolutions; infringement of copyrights, patents, trademarks; misappropriation of trade secrets; deceptive trade practices / unfair competition. Prior legal experience (1995-1999) includes litigating a wide variety of cases involving breach of contract, products liability, professional malpractice, environmental contamination, toxic torts, noncompetition, and casualty/auto negligence cases.



Certifications

Certified by the Florida Bar as an Expert in Intellectual Property (since 2007)
Registered Patent Attorney (since 1999)
Certified by the Florida Supreme Court in Circuit-Civil Mediation (since 2015)
Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator (since 2021)
Florida Bar Attorney Fee Grievance Arbitrator (since 2022)

Education

Clemson University, Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, 1989.
University of Florida, J.D, 1995, with Honors

Awards and Honors

- Eight-time selection as *Lawyer of the Year* through attorney voting according to Best Lawyers in America®, including in Intellectual Property Litigation (3x), Trademark Law (3x), and Copyright Law (2x)
- Matulis Law & Mediation selected by The Best Lawyers in America® as a Tier 1 “Best Law Firm” in Tampa in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property Litigation, Copyright Law, and Trademark Law.



- Selected by peers in the specialty areas of Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property Law, Intellectual Property Litigation, Trademark Law, and Copyright Law via The Best Lawyers in America® voting.
- Selected by Florida Trend Magazine's Legal Elite for Intellectual Property.
- Selected by Super Lawyers, featuring selected Intellectual Property Law attorneys from across the United States for every year since 2010.
- Selected by Tampa's Best Lawyers® 2010 in the specialty of Intellectual Property Law
- Rated "AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5" by Martindale Hubbell and 10.0 out of 10 by Avvo.com

Bar Activities

Florida Bar Business Law Committee Executive Committee (2020-present)

Florida Bar IP Committee Chair (2020-2021), Vice Chair (2019-2020), Second Vice Chair (2018-2019), Symposium Chair (2017-2018)

Florida Bar Computer & Technology Law Committee (2009-present)

Florida Bar BLS Task Force for revising non-compete statute §542.335 (2019-2021)

AIPLA (2017, 2020-present)

Hillsborough County Bar Association, Chair Intellectual Property Law (2009-2011)

Ferguson White Inn of Court (1996-1999, 2023-present)

Publications and Speeches

- Presenter (discussing I.P. mediation) on panel with Federal Court Judges Charlene Honeywell and William Jung, *Litigating Intellectual Property Cases in the Middle District of Florida*, September 2023.
- Moderator, *Case Study: Summary Judgment in IP Litigation (a Judicial View)*, featuring Federal Court Judges Darren Gayles and Mary Scriven, April 2022
- Moderator, *Case Study: Preliminary Relief in IP Litigation (a Judicial View)*, featuring Federal Court Judges Nicole Reid and Julie Sneed, April 2021
- Presenter, *Intellectual Property Law Year in Review - Florida Bar Business Law Section*, October 2020
- Presenter, *Overview of Intellectual Property*, Jim Moran Institute for Global Leadership, Florida State University, October 2019
- Author, *Your Difficult Mediation Client...Help Me Help You!*, Lawyer Magazine, January 2018
- Co-Presenter, along with Magistrate Judge Paul Pizzo (MDFla), *Mediating Intellectual Property Cases*, Hillsborough County Bar Association, October, 2017
- Presenter, *2017 Trademark Law Year in Review - Florida Bar Intellectual Property Committee's 8th Annual IP Symposium*, March 2017
- Author, *War in the Amazon Jungle*, Lawyer Magazine, January 2017
- Author, *Turning Your Mediator into a Decisionmaker: Can't You Just Decide for Us?*, January 2017
- Presenter, *Legitimate Business Interests in Noncompetition Agreements and Other Restrictive Covenants – What It Really Takes*, Hillsborough County Bar Association - Intellectual Property Section CLE, May 2013



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- *Hey Trademark License, Put on Some Clothes!...Or Else*, Lawyer Magazine, May 2013
- Quoted in *Engineer Seeks \$2 Million for BP Oil Spill Solutions*, Tampa Bay Business Journal, April 2012
- Author, *Patent Reform: What Passage of the America Invents Act Means*, Tampa Bay Business Journal, March 2012
- Guest Columnist, *Patent Reform Ideas Would Be Welcome in IP Heavy Bay Area Market*, Tampa Bay Business Journal, August 2011
- Author, *Attack of the Trolls 2 - Rise of the False Patent Marking Troll*, Lawyer Magazine (November 2010)
- Featured, *Law Certification Sends Clients a Signal: Expertise Practiced Here*, Tampa Bay Business Journal, June 2010
- Author, *The Real Cost to Your Client to Register Copyright in Their Website*, Lawyer Magazine, August 2009
- Presenter, *Copyright Damages: or, How I Lost the Company to a Programmer, Photographer, Author,...*; Association of Corporate Counsel Meeting, West-Central Florida Chapter, 2008
- Quoted in Inside Counsel Magazine article, *Workers Rights: Employees' Inventions May Lead to Patent Battles with Employers*, June 2008
- Contributing Author, *The Journal, Update on Commercial Litigation Case Law*, The Florida Bar Association Business Law Section, 2008
- Author, *A Step by-Step Look at the Patent Litigation Process*, Inside the Minds Series of Books for C-level Professionals, hardback published by Aspatore Books, 2007
- Contributing Author, *Annual Trademark Law Update*, American Intellectual Property Law Association, 2005
- Author, *Pre-Grant Publications of Patent Applications*, The Lawyer, 2003
- Author, *Intellectual Property Alert - New Domain Name Registration Opportunities Are Coming*, The Lawyer, 2001
- Author, *Having Your Cake and Eating It Too*, 16 Trial Advocate Quarterly Winter 1997 (Winner "Best Article 1996-1997" Award)

Admitted to Practice

- All Florida state and federal courts
- United States Supreme Court
- Federal Circuit Court of Appeal
- Eastern District of Michigan
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Community

Former Trustee, Carrollwood Day School

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Tampa Bay

Mentor, Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association



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