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“John Lane makes for an excellent lead litigator. Lane stands out in the Texas market for his fluency in life sciences.”

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Overview

About John

John Lane is the managing principal of the Houston office of Fish & Richardson P.C. In his eighteen years of practice, he has represented plaintiffs and defendants alike in scores of patent cases in U.S. district courts throughout the country. His clients range from innovative, emerging startup companies to the world’s largest technology companies.

John’s particular areas of expertise are oil and gas technologies, chemical processes, polymers, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, but he has also represented many clients in many other technology areas, such as consumer electronics, computer telephony, software and memory cards.

John is a registered patent attorney at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and in addition to his patent litigation practice, represents clients in *inter partes* reviews, derivation proceedings, and reexaminations.

John has been listed in Intellectual Asset Management’s Patent 1000 rankings of the world’s leading patent lawyers every year since 2017, which notes he “is competitive by nature and has a desire to win that pushes him through tough challenges; however, he is far from obstinate and works well with others to get the best results”; and that he is a “master of contentious matters; he has tried cases in myriad technology sectors; including dozens of pharmaceutical cases; and also has a spotless

reputation in *inter partes* reviews.”

Aside from his patent practice, John is lead counsel for Sherwood Brown, who he has represented *pro bono* for over ten years. In early 2018, the Mississippi State Supreme Court, sitting *en banc*, vacated Mr. Brown’s murder convictions and death sentence. An article about that case appears on Lawdragon.

John earned undergraduate degrees in chemical engineering and biology at Auburn University. He attended Auburn on a swimming scholarship on Auburn’s highly-ranked NCAA swim team. Before attending law school, he was a chemical engineer at Fluor, one of the world’s largest engineering companies.

Focus Areas

Services

- Litigation
- Hatch-Waxman
- Patent Litigation

Industries

- Chemicals
- Energy and Petro-Chemical
- Life Sciences
- Manufacturing
- Medical Devices

Education

J.D., University of Texas Law School (2002) Member, *Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal*

B.S. *cum laude*, Chemical Engineering, Auburn University (1994)

B.S., Biology, Auburn University (1989)

Insights

Publications

“My Intellectual Property Licensor is Bankrupt – Now What?” *Fish Litigation Blog*, September 2016.