

Application for AIPLA List of Arbitrators and Mediators

1. This application is for:

Arbitrator, Mediator

2. Applicant seeks to be listed for:

Patent Disputes, Trade Secret Disputes, Trademark/Trade Dress Disputes, Copyright Disputes

3. Name and Contact Information

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What locales are you willing to serve in? [separate by semicolons (;)]

Texas; Houston; Austin; Dallas; New York; California; Chicago; all states and jurisdictions

4. Higher education (all degrees received, stating degree, and school):

Post Law--University of London; Harvard Law School Institute on Negotiation and Mediation;

J.D. Univ of Texas Law School;

M.Ss Southern Methodist University;

BS University of Texas at Austin.

5. Bar admissions (all states, agencies, etc.):

States:

Texas

District of Columbia

Admitted to Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit: Yes

Admitted to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: Yes

Others:

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Claims

U.S. District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

6. Formal mediation/arbitration training:

Course(s); Institutions; Dates:

Course of Mediation and Arbitration-Harvard Law School Post Law Course

Total Number of Hours:

40

Approx. number of interactive, clinical hours:

20

Any Certificate Awarded?

YES

7. Listed with formal mediator/arbitrator provider (AAA, ICDR, CPR, JAMS, others)?

Provider(s)/and Subject Matter of Panels, if appropriate.

AAA

8. Arbitration and/or Mediation Experience:

Have you participated as arbitrator, or party attorney or representative, in at least one arbitration from beginning, through a complete trial, and arbitration decision/award?

YES

Have you participated as mediator, or party attorney or representative, in at least one complete mediation?

YES

Patent Law and Litigation Experience (does not have to be exclusive):

Approximate Number of Years practicing patent law:

45

Approximate Number of Years practicing patent litigation:
45

What specific areas of technical knowledge and experience do you have and wish to identify? [Separate by semicolons (;)] [Limit of 450 characters]

Oilfield equipment, drilling technology, directional drilling, fracking, telecommunications, smartphones, computers, electronics, internet-related, medical devices, mechanical, electronic, antennas, electro-mechanical,

Trade Secret Law and Litigation Experience (does not have to be exclusive):

Approximate Number of Years practicing trade secret law:
20

Approximate Number of Years practicing trade secret litigation:
20

Trademark/Trade Dress Law and Litigation Experience:

Approximate Number of Years practicing trademark/trade dress law:
10

Approximate Number of Years practicing trademark/trade dress litigation:
10

Have you handled cases involving survey evidence? YES

Copyright Law and Litigation Experience:

Approximate Number of Years practicing copyright law:
5

Approximate Number of Years practicing copyright litigation:
5

Other Memberships, Recognitions and Experiences

Major Professional Recognitions: [If, necessary, refer to your resume]

President, American Intellectual Property Law Association;

Chair, Intellectual Property Law Association, American Bar Association;

Professional and other Associations and Leadership Positions: [If, necessary, refer to your resume]

- Recognized in *Chambers USA* as a Senior Statesman for intellectual property litigation. The 2018 edition notes that he is "*engaging, professional and committed.*"
- Ranked in the *Best Lawyers in America* as a leading lawyer in Patent Litigation

- Recognized in the U.S. Legal 500 as a leading lawyer in patent litigation, The 2017 edition describes Bill as the "dean of the Texas IP bar."
- Recognized as a leading U.S. patent litigator in *World Intellectual Property Review's* (WIPR) directory of "World IP Leaders,"
- Ranked a "Top 100 Super Lawyer" in *Houston by Texas Monthly*
- Listed in the *Legal Media Group's Expert Guide to the Leading Patent Practitioners*
- Listed in the Legal Media Group's *Expert Guide to the World's Leading Patent Experts*
- Recognized as a *Super Lawyer* in Texas
- Ranked in *Chambers Global* as a leading lawyer for Intellectual Property – Patent Litigation (Band 2),
- Received Gold Star ranking for Texas Patent Litigation by *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners*,
- Recognized as an "IP Star" by *Managing IP*
- Member of Swarthmore's *Who's Who*
- Recognized in the guide to *The Best Lawyers in America*® for intellectual property law
 - Recognized in The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers
- Recognized in *Who's Who in American Law; Who's Who Legal* (for Texas patent law) and *Who's Who Worldwide*

Other relevant experience: (for example, judicial experience presiding over/settling patent and/or trade secret cases, teaching ADR and/or IP courses, etc.):

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10. A CURRENT RESUME OR CURRICULUM VITAE MUST BE UPLOADED BELOW. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCURACY THEREOF BY STATING "YES" BELOW:

YES

11. Personal Certification:

I hereby represent that the foregoing information about me is true and correct as of this date, and that I meet the current AIPLA criteria, as stated on the AIPLA website, for serving as a Mediator and/or Arbitrator of the types of disputes designated in Question 2 above. I hereby represent that I am a current member in good standing of the bar(s) (active or inactive) of the courts and agencies listed in question 5, and that there is no disciplinary activity pending against me in any court, agency, or bar association.

I acknowledge that if I am accepted for listing as an AIPLA arbitrator or mediator, the AIPLA has my permission to publish this application and all attachments thereto on the AIPLA website, for the benefit of

those wishing to consult the list and the qualifications of those persons listed. I further understand and agree, if I am listed on the AIPLA List of Arbitrators and Mediators, that, for all arbitration and mediation matters wherein I am retained as a result of such listing, I will promptly inform the parties and counsel in writing that I am an independent contractor and that the AIPLA has no responsibility or liability for any of my acts or omissions.

Electronic Signature:

William L. LaFuze

Date:

April 26, 2019