



Patricia Clotfelter

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Patricia Clotfelter concentrates her practice in the area of commercial litigation with an emphasis on intellectual property.

Ms. Clotfelter has extensive experience litigating in state and federal courts in a variety of jurisdictions in and outside of Alabama. Her experience includes representation of numerous clients in trademark, copyright, trade secret and patent infringement disputes in fields as diverse as computer software development, data mining, industrial coatings, banking, advertising, big game hunting and restaurant operation. She has litigated in federal courts from Los Angeles, California, to Detroit, Michigan, to Jacksonville, Florida.

In addition, Ms. Clotfelter taught trial skills as an adjunct professor at Cumberland School of Law for many years and currently is active in helping to train Baker Donelson associates in the art of litigation. She is a frequent lecturer on litigation topics, including all aspects of intellectual property.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Fellow – Litigation Counsel of America
- Adjunct Professor of Law – University of Alabama Law School
- Adjunct Professor of Law – Cumberland School of Law of Samford University
- Member – American Bar Association
- Member – Birmingham Bar Association
 - Executive Committee Member
- Member – Alabama State Bar
- Listed since 2013 in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the areas of Construction Law, Information Technology Law and Commercial Litigation; since 2017 in Intellectual Property Litigation, Patent Litigation and Trademark Law
- Named the *Best Lawyers'* 2022 Birmingham Litigation - Patent "Lawyer of the Year"
- Named the *Best Lawyers'* 2020 and 2018 Birmingham Trademark Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- Named the *Best Lawyers'* 2020 and 2017 Birmingham Litigation - Intellectual Property "Lawyer of the Year"
- Listed in *Mid-South Super Lawyers* since 2010
- Listed as among the top 50 female attorneys in Alabama in *Mid-South Super Lawyers* (2017)
- Listed as among the top 25 female attorneys in Alabama, *Alabama Super Lawyers* (2011 – 2015)
- Listed as among *B-Metro Magazine's* "Top Flight Attorneys" (2018)
- Listed as among *B-Metro Magazine's* Top Women Lawyers (2015 – 2018)
- Named by *Birmingham* magazine as one of "Birmingham's Top Attorneys" in Intellectual Property (2009 – 2014)
- Recipient – Baker Donelson Birmingham Pro Bono Award (2019)
- Board Member – First Light, Inc.
- Board Member – Alabama Moving Image Association, Inc./Sidewalk Film Festival

Speaking Engagements

- "The 3D Revolution: IP Issues Arising From 3D Printing," ABA Intellectual Property Litigation Roundtable Series (February 2015)

- "Selected Hot Topics in Intellectual Property Law 2014," ABA Intellectual Property Litigation Roundtable Series (October 2014)
- "Going Viral Safely: How to Protect Intellectual Property on Social Media," Sidewalk Film Festival, Birmingham, Alabama (August 2011)



Education

- Vanderbilt University, J.D., 1980
- University of Alabama at Birmingham, B.A., 1973



Admissions

- Alabama, 1980
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- California, *pro hac vice*
- Florida, *pro hac vice*
- Georgia, *pro hac vice*
- Tennessee, *pro hac vice*