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Practices:

Patent Litigation, Intellectual Property Strategies, Federal Circuit & Other IP Appeals, IP Transactions & Licensing, Trade Secret Litigation, *Inter Partes* Review proceedings

State Bar Admission:

District of Columbia

Court Admissions:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
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U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Education:

George Mason University School of Law, J.D. with concentration in Intellectual Property
U.S. Naval Academy, B.S., Physics

Professional Affiliations:

Hispanic National Bar Association
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Mr. Woods is Of Counsel in our Washington, D.C. office where he focuses his practice on enforcing and defending Intellectual Property rights in Federal District Court, *inter partes* reviews, and in appeals before the Federal Circuit. Mr. Woods has represented clients in litigation involving a variety of technologies, including matters related to computer software, internet technologies, telecommunication devices, cooling systems, inflatable products, and medical devices.

In his practice, Mr. Woods has handled dozens of complex cases in key Federal courts around the country including both the Eastern and Western District Courts of Texas, the District of Delaware, and the Eastern District of Virginia. He has also represented clients in appeals to the Federal Circuit and in a regulatory petition for review in the U. S. Circuit Court for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Prior to his legal career, Mr. Woods retired after twenty years as a U. S. Navy nuclear submarine officer. His service included: tours on several nuclear submarines on both coasts, as the officer in charge of a land-based nuclear reactor training facility, and several tours at the Pentagon on the Naval staff and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. As a submarine officer, he was certified as a Nuclear Engineer Officer by the Department of Energy and worked closely with a wide variety of electronic, electrical, and mechanical systems. At the Pentagon, Mr. Woods participated in lengthy negotiations on several nuclear arms control treaties with diplomats from the former Soviet Union. In addition, he was responsible for reviewing all Department of Defense advanced technology programs for compliance with arms control treaties.

Mr. Woods has also successfully represented several veterans and active-duty military personnel in obtaining military benefits.

His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five awards of the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, two awards of the Sea Service Ribbons, the Arctic Service Ribbon, and the Navy Pistol Expert Medal.