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Morris Nichols is consistently renowned as one of the leading patent litigation firms in the United States, and the premier patent litigation firm in Delaware. Recognizing the Firm's strength in patent litigation, *Corporate Counsel* magazine named Morris Nichols a Go-To Law Firm® for the *Fortune 500* companies. Our attorneys are consistently named as leading attorneys in *Chambers USA*, *IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Practitioners*, *Who's Who Legal: Patents*, *The Best Lawyers in America®* and *Super Lawyers*.

Delaware has a deserved reputation as a favored forum for the resolution of patent disputes. In fact, Delaware's experience in patent litigation reaches back to the beginning of the last century, and the federal bench in Delaware has more experience in resolving patent disputes than any other district in the nation.

In the 1920s, Judge Hugh Morris, then the sole federal judge in Delaware, decided many of the country's most important patent cases. He left the bench to found the Morris Nichols firm, and for many years was regarded as one of the top patent litigators in the United States. In the 1960s and 1970s, Chief Judge Caleb Wright presided over numerous patent cases (such as on petroleum refining and the manufacture of synthetic rubber, polyurethane foam insulation and transistors), thereby helping to establish the reputation of the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware on a national scale as a preeminent forum for patent disputes. His shoes were later filled by other Delaware judges renowned as the top patent trial judges of the country, up to the current bench, with each of its judges currently managing hundreds of active patent cases. Moreover, Delaware's current judges are committed to learning and implementing new strategies to streamline patent litigation and reduce overall costs associated with the complexity of these cases.

As Delaware has developed into a premier venue for patent litigation, Morris Nichols has continued the tradition as the preeminent patent litigation firm in Delaware. The Firm has been counsel in around half of the intellectual property cases pending in the District of Delaware, either serving as lead counsel or assisting as co-counsel in cases brought to Delaware by patent litigators from around the United States. Morris Nichols has also brought and defended patent cases for clients in district courts beyond Delaware, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In Lex Machina's 2016 Patent Litigation Year in Review report on patent litigation trends in the United States, Morris Nichols had more patent cases filed than any other firm in Delaware.

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