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**Richard Wydeven**  
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Mr. Wydeven received a B.S. in Engineering Mechanics from the University of Wisconsin (graduated with highest distinction) in 1986; an M.S. in Aeronautics from the George Washington University (Recipient, Joint Institute for Advancement of Flight Science Graduate Research Scholarship) in 1988; and a J.D. from the University of Texas (Order of the Coif) in 1994.

Mr. Wydeven is admitted to the Bar of Texas and the Bar of the District of Columbia. Mr. Wydeven is also registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He is also a member of the American Bar Association and the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

Mr. Wydeven's practice involves patent matters arising in a variety of industries. His varied practice involves consulting with inventors and corporate counsel to prepare patent applications that are responsive to the commercial and technical needs of the client and to prosecute applications through the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a manner consistent with those needs. In addition, he counsels clients on a variety of patent-related issues, such as: patentability of inventions; infringement, validity, and enforceability of the client's or the client's competitors' patents; designing around patents; and licensing of patents. Mr. Wydeven's practice also includes litigation in matters involving a range of intellectual property issues, such as: patents, trademarks and trade dress, trade secrets, copyrights, and unfair competition.

Prior to entering the legal profession, Mr. Wydeven was employed as an engineer in the aerospace industry.

**Areas of Concentration:**

- Copyright
- Counseling
- Licensing and Transactions
- Litigation
- Patent Prosecution
- Trade Dress
- Trademarks, Collective Marks, and Service Marks
- Unfair Competition

**Education:**

- B.S. Engineering Mechanics from University of Wisconsin - 1986 (highest distinction)
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**Bar Admissions:**

- District of Columbia Bar

- Texas State Bar
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

**Publications:**

- “The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act of 1976: A Contemporary Look at Jurisdiction Under the Commercial Activity Exception” *Review of Litigation* (1992-94)