

Thomas H.L. Selby

Partner

Over the past 20 years of practice, Tom Selby has concentrated his practice in two (usually) distinct areas: patent litigation and professional liability defense.

He is the former Co-Chair of the firm's Patent Litigation practice group working on patent and licensing litigation.

Over that same period Tom has represented national accounting firms in dozens of major trial, arbitration, investigatory and regulatory matters.

Tom is a member of Williams & Connolly's Executive Committee.

On the patent side, Tom has represented clients in intellectual property disputes over software, biotech, pharmaceutical, medical device, and communications technologies. In 2019, he has served as lead counsel in patent or licensing matters for Dropbox, Pfizer, Danaher and Envista entities and others. Tom has been recognized in the 2014-2019 editions of *Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers Magazine* under the category of Intellectual Property Litigation and has been listed as a "Life Science Star" in the 2015-2019 editions of *LMG Life Sciences*. Since 2016, Tom has been recognized as a "Leading Patent Practitioners in Litigation (DC)" by *IAM Patent 1000*. Since 2019, *Managing Intellectual Property* has recognized Tom as an "IP Star."

The other major focus of his practice is accountants' liability: for more than a decade, Tom has represented a national audit and accounting firm in over 40 litigation and regulatory matters. Tom has handled litigation, arbitration, and regulatory matters involving GAAP and GAAS disputes, tax services, securities, non-competition, and employment/whistleblower issues. Tom has represented accountants and auditors in investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, Department of Justice, the federal Office of Inspector General, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the United States Congress.

In his pro bono practice, Tom represents families separated at the border in asylum matters before US immigration authorities. He has tried a felony criminal trial in the District of Columbia in which the jury returned a not guilty verdict on all counts, and handled matters through the firm's partnership with the Montgomery County Public Defender's office, including an additional criminal jury trial. He represents a client on Louisiana's death row in post-conviction proceedings, and successfully represented an inmate in habeas corpus proceedings appealed from the



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Education

The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., with honors, 1999: Order of the Coif; Member, Texas Law Review; Member, American Journal of Criminal Law
University of Chicago, B.A., 1990

Practice Focus

Accountant Liability
Arbitration
Civil Litigation and Trial Practice
Commercial Litigation
Directors and Officers Liability
Financial Services and Banking
Patent Litigation
Products Liability, Torts, and Medicine
Securities Enforcement
Securities Litigation

Recognitions

"IP Star," *Managing Intellectual Property*, 2019-2020

"Life Science Star," *LMG Life Sciences*, 2015-2019

"Leading Patent Litigation Attorney,"

Louisiana Supreme Court.

Tom was born and raised in Austin, Texas, and graduated from the University of Chicago in 1990. Between college and law school, Tom spent six years working in Texas state and local government and politics. Tom received his J.D., with honors, from The University of Texas School of Law, where he was a member of the *Texas Law Review* and *the American Journal of Criminal Law*. He joined Williams & Connolly in 1999.

Tom lives in Arlington, Virginia with his wife, Deirdre Doyle, and their son. Their daughter is a graduate with two degrees from the University of Virginia and a school teacher in New York.

Resources

Publications

- *Accountant Liability*, 2012
- *A Primer on Litigating Patent Infringement Claims*, Fall 2007

IAM Patent 1000, 2016-2019

Client Service All-Star for Patent Litigation, *BTI Consulting*, 2018

Admissions

District of Columbia, Texas and Virginia

United States Court of Appeals
Federal Circuit

United States District Court for the
District of Columbia and District of
Colorado

United States Court of Federal Claims

Government Service

Council Aide, Office of Council
Member Brigid Shea, City of Austin,
Texas, 1993-1995

Legislative Coordinator, Office of
Texas State Representative Sherri
Greenberg, 1991-1993