

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CURRENT:

Managing Attorney at [Chester PLLC](#). March 2003-2008; 2012 – Present. Advise innovation-based entrepreneurs, investors, as well as emerging/established businesses ranging from start-ups to billion-dollar annual revenue companies. I have a significant focus and experience advising software, app & video game entrepreneurs, developers, distributors, and investors. I have extensive experience negotiating licensing, branding, development, distribution, and merchandising agreements. I have helped register copyright in various app and video game characters, features and icons, registered trademarks in the US and international jurisdictions, and generally coordinated the efforts to protect client intellectual property. Provide domestic & international business legal representation for start-ups and other privately held technology-based companies, and those who are heavily invested in innovation and intellectual property. Handle business formation and governance, business & technology transactions, intellectual property, international transactions and trade legal issues for technology and innovation-based companies. Also handle business acquisitions/sales, management, and a wide range of agreements (contracts, joint ventures, development agreements, distribution agreements, etc.) for both domestic and international transactions.

Founder/CEP, [OWL Suites](#). March 2017-Present. Technology-based startup creating a marketplace matching law firms with excess office space with independent attorneys in need of space.

Adjunct Professor of Law at [Baylor University School of Law](#). May 2001 – Present. Teach International Trade Law course and International Business Transactions to law school students.

Adjunct Professor, [Texas A&M University-Commerce](#). August 2017 – Present. Teach business law course to graduate business students.

PAST EXPERIENCE:

Senior Partner, [Klemchuk LLP](#). March 2010 - March 2012. Advise entrepreneurs, start-ups and privately-held companies of all sizes with respect to intellectual property (patent, trademark, copyright & trade secrets) protection, registration, transactions, acquisitions/sales, licensing, and enforcement (including litigation).

Shareholder & Chair, Technology Practice, [Cowles & Thompson, P.C.](#) July 2008 - February 2010. Counsel for Fortune 500 clients, non-profits, start-ups, and privately-held small and mid-sized companies regarding international business transactions, regulatory compliance, intellectual property & licensing, joint ventures & mergers, and other corporate transactional issues. Key activities in IP include protecting, registering, licensing & enforcing trademarks, trade secrets, trade dress & copyrights. Key activities in international business & trade include advising regarding Customs/import laws, export controls and sanctions, FCPA, international contracts and financing international trade. Key business law activities include formation, conversion and merger of companies (corporations, LLCs, partnerships, etc.), as well as contracts and commercial transactions.

Adjunct Professor - Business Law at [University of Dallas](#). June 2003 - November 2007. Instructing undergraduate business students on the legal environment in which businesses operate. Topics include common law vs. civil code, business entities, agency, contracts, tax, intellectual property, and more.

Sr. Associate, [Braumiller & Rodriguez, LLC](#). March 1998 - March 2003. Represented business clients with import/export compliance and other international trade regulatory enforcement matters; international business transactions and agreement; commercial intellectual property.

SELECTION OF SPEECHES

- “Legal Issues for SAVaGEs: Software, App & Video Game Law”, Texas Savages (Oct 2016).
- “Success & Happiness,” Texas Independent Lawyer Alliance (August 2016).
- [“Export Controls on Technology,”](#) State Bar of Texas Advanced IP Course (March 2014).
- “Get the Most Bang for your Legal Bucks: Top ROI for Entrepreneurs”, E. Dallas Ch. of Commerce (May 2014).
- “Protecting IP in International Transactions,” State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting (June 2014).
- “IP Due Diligence in Investments and Acquisitions,” Dallas Assoc. of Young Lawyers (Feb. 2013).
- “Protecting IP in International Business,” State Bar of Texas, Paralegal Division, (online / Jan. 2013).

- “Who is my Client?,” Dallas Assoc. of Young Lawyers (August 2012).
- “Going Global: Regulatory Implications of International Business” co-presenter, NTEC (June 2012).
- “The Intersection of Trade & IP: Can Gray Market Goods Still be Imported?” ABA/IP Roundtable (Dallas) 2011.
- Case Study: Trademark Infringement Issues (co-author), Jrnl. of Business Case Studies (March/April 2011).
- “Financing Int’l Trade,” International Small Business Development Center, Ft. Worth 2010.
- “Implementing an Effective FCPA Compliance Program,” Texas Minority Counsel Program Ann. Conf. 2010.
- “Combating Counterfeits,” 47th Ann. IP Law Conf., Cntr. for Amer. & Int’l Law, 2009.
- “Protecting IP in International Trade, Texas Bar Assn Annual Mtg., 2009.
- “Basic of Intellectual Property Protection,” Collin County Bar Assn (Plano) 2009.
- “Domestic vs. Int’l Contracts,” Inst. Supply Chain Mgmt. (San Antonio) 2009.
- “Keys to Int’l Trade Compliance,” Inst. Supply Chain Mgmt. (Waco) 2008.
- “Export Controls and Technology,” DBA Computer Law Section 2008.
- “Legal Aspect of Int’l Trade,” Ft. Worth Int’l. Center 2008.
- “Financing Int’l Trade,” Ft. Worth Int’l. Center 2008.
- “Keys to Int’l Trade Compliance” Inst. Supply Chain Mgmt. (Wichita, KS) 2008.
- “Overview of IP Law,” Professionals Roundtable of Dallas 2007.
- “Overlap between IP and Trade Law,” DBA Computer Law Section 2006.

SELECTION OF PUBLICATIONS

- “Game On! Legal Issues for Software, App & Video Game Entrepreneurs” (Texas Bar Journal, May 2017).
- Editor-In-Chief, “SAVaGE Select” Newsletter (Software, App & Video Game Legal News) (2016-Present).
- “It’s a Digital World: eCommerce Legal Issues” (Texas Bar Journal, November 2014).
- “Forward Thinking: Cost-Effective Legal Projects for Entrepreneurs,” (Texas Bar Journal, September 2014).
- “Going Global: A Primer for Technology Companies” (co-author)(Currents: Int’l Trade Law Journal (2013).
- Protecting IP in International Markets,” Texas Bar Journal Vol 75, No, 7 (July 2012).
- “IP Due Diligence in Mergers & Acquisitions,” (co-author) DBA Headnotes (November 2010).
- Inside the Minds: Protecting IP Rights in International Business Transactions (West, Aspatore Books 2011).
- Editor, Trade & Innovation Law Blog (2010-2014).
- “Don’t Trip Up Over TRIPS,” (The Oath Magazine, September 2011).
- “Inside the Minds: Proactive Approaches to IP Licensing” (co-author)(West Aspatore Books 2010).
- “Survey of Major CBP IP-Related Enforcement Actions in 2010” (CITBA Winter Journal 2010).
- “Protecting Intellectual Property” eSide Supply Management (July/Aug 2009).
- “Protecting IP in International Trade,” (DBA Headnotes, July 2009).
- “PRO-IP to Target Counterfeiters,” (Texas Lawyer, Feb 2, 2009).
- “Chester’s Practical Guide to Int’l Trade Regulation” Textbook (Baylor Univ Law 2008, 2014).
- “Comparing Int’l & Domestic Contracts,” eSide Supply Management (Fall 2008).
- “Convergence of IP and International Trade Law,” (Natl. Law Jrnl. 2005).
- “Case Study: Potential Trademark Infringements” (Jrnl. of Bus. & Econ. Res., 2005).
- “In the Zone: Creating Profits Thru Savings Using FTZs,” (Texas Lawyer, July 4, 2005).

HONORS AND AWARDS

- “Attorney of the Month”, [ATTORNEY AT LAW MAGAZINE](#) (August 2015).
- “Best Lawyers in Dallas,” [D Magazine](#) (2014).
- “[Rising Stars Under 40](#),” by [Law & Politics Magazine published in Texas Monthly](#) and Texas Rising Stars Magazines (2008, 2009, 2011).
- “[Super Lawyer](#),” by [Law & Politics Magazine published in Texas Monthly](#) and Texas Super Lawyers Magazines (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017).
- Featured, “2013 Top Rated Lawyer in International Law and Trade,” THE ASIAN LAWYER and FOCUS EUROPE magazines (Summer 2013).
- “[AV® Preeminent](#)” [Peer Review Rating by Martindale Hubbell®](#) (2010-Present).
- Fellow, [Texas Bar Foundation](#) (2009 – Present).
- Fellow, [Dallas Bar Foundation](#) (2010 – Present).
- Featured, “2013 Top Rated Lawyers in Intellectual Property,” in the March 2013 issues of THE AMERICAN LAWYER, CORPORATE COUNSEL, and THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL.

- Member, [Texas Bar College](#) (2008 – 2013; 2016 - Present).
 - Alumni Ambassador Award, [Texas A&M University, Commerce](#) (1998).
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Founder/Chair, [Texas Independent Lawyer Alliance](#) (2016-Present).
 - Founder/Chair, [Texas SAVaGEs](#) (2016-Present).
 - Chair, International Committee, [State Bar of Texas Intellectual Property Section](#). (2013-2015).
 - Director, STCL Alumni Association (2010-2012).
 - Founder/Chairman, [DFW-STCL Alumni Network](#), (2008-Present).
 - Member, [Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas](#) (2000-2004).
 - Member, [College of the State Bar of Texas](#) (1999-2006, 2016-Present).
 - Member, [State Bar of Texas](#).
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- President, [The Ridge-Heath HOA](#) (2016-Present).
 - Member, Finance Council, [Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church](#) (2016 to Present).
 - Finance Chair, [Dallas Little League](#) (2014-2015).
 - Director, [Dallas Housing Crisis Center](#) (2008-2011).
 - Director, [STCL Alumni Association](#), (2009-2012).
 - President, [Lakewood Neighborhood Association](#) (2005-2006).
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ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- State of Texas, 1997.
 - District of Columbia Bar, 2004 (Inactive)
 - U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 1998.
 - U.S. Court of International Trade, 1998.
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EDUCATION

- Graduate Tax Program, Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law (Select courses only).
 - LL.M., International Economic Law, University of Houston School of Law.
 - J.D., South Texas College of Law (Law Journal, Varsity Mock trial).
 - B.S., Economics/Political Science (Double major), High Honors, Texas A&M University, Commerce.
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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Founder/CEO, OWL Suites, Inc. 2017-Present (online marketplace for excess law firm office space).
- Co-Founder/CEO, AttorneyVENUE. 2014-2016 (executive suite/incubator for lawyers).
- Founder/CEO, CASES, LLC. 2004-Present. (registered agent and notary services).