



## Matthew D. Powers

Matt Powers is Co-Chair of Weil's 500-attorney Litigation Department and is known for taking tough cases to trial and winning them. He tries patent cases, trade secret cases, fraud cases, fiduciary duty cases, antitrust cases and contract cases. Mr. Powers tries cases all over the country and has directed litigations all over the world. Many of the world's leading companies regularly call on Mr. Powers to lead trial teams in difficult cases, and he is often called on to replace another firm's litigation team for trial on very short notice. He has led teams winning billion dollar cases for many of the leading companies in the world, including Microsoft, Intel, Cisco, Oracle, Apple, Life Technologies, Genentech, Merck and others.

Mr. Powers is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and of the International Society of Barristers. He is continually recognized as a "Star Performer" by *Chambers USA*. In 2011 he received top rankings in the national, local, federal circuit, and ITC categories in *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine. In 2010, *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine also named him "Outstanding IP Practitioner of the Year." Commentators in *Chambers USA 2010* noted that he is "universally recognized as a star in the field" because of "his impressive trial work." *Chambers USA 2009* notes that clients lauded him as a "mesmerizing trial lawyer" whose peers claim he "continues to soar," and emphasize his "unmistakable star quality." Mr. Powers was distinguished as a "Leading Lawyer" by *Legal 500 US 2009* and described by clients as "a litigator you don't want to argue against in court." Mr. Powers was named one of Northern California's top ten lawyers in 2009 which marks the sixth consecutive year he has been recognized by *Super Lawyers*. He was singled out by *Chambers USA 2008* as "king of the jungle... a master trial litigator and a genius when it comes to patents... fantastically clever and exceptionally talented." *Chambers USA 2007* also recognized him as a "Star Performer" – the only patent litigator in the country so recognized – calling him "genuinely feared as a courtroom opponent" and "a dominant force in the market." In 2007, *The American Lawyer* described Mr. Powers as a "bona fide litigation superstar." *The National Law Journal* named him one of the top ten litigators in the country in 2006, and in 2005 he was named "Trial Lawyer of the Year" by the Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers Association. He was also named a "Father of the Year" for 2004 by the Father's Day Council of San Francisco.

Mr. Powers is an Editor-in-Chief of the *Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal*, and has published extensively on various aspects of intellectual property law and litigation. He is a frequent lecturer nationally and internationally on intellectual property litigation issues. Mr.

Powers teaches a patent litigation course at the University of California, Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law. He serves on the firm's overall Management Committee.

- **Bar** **Admissions**  
US Court of Appeals 2nd Cir.; US Court of Appeals 5th Cir.; US Court of Appeals 7th Cir.; US Court of Appeals 9th Cir.; California State; Central District California; US Court International Trade; Eastern District California; Eastern District Michigan; Eastern District Texas; US Ct App Federal Circuit; Northern District California; Southern District California; US Dist Court Northern Indiana; US Supreme Court; Western District Wisconsin
- **Education**  
Northwestern University (B.S., 1979); Harvard University (J.D., 1982)