

**Panelist Biographies for  
Eastern District of Texas Bench and Bar Conference  
Panel of Federal Circuit Law Clerks**

October 22, 2015 (Thursday), 1:15-2:00 pm

**Moderator**

**Suzanne Michel**, former clerk to Chief Judge Paul R. Michel (no relation)

Suzanne Michel is Senior Patent Counsel at Google where she focuses on patent policy from Google's Washington, D.C. office. Before joining Google in 2011, she was Deputy Director in the Office of Policy Planning at the Federal Trade Commission where she worked on patent policy and IP/antitrust issues and headed the project on the "Evolving IP Marketplace." She was previously a patent litigator at the Department of Justice. Suzanne received her B.S. with honors from Northwestern University and her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Yale University. She graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law at Berkeley, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and received the prize for best paper published by a graduating student. Following law school, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Paul R. Michel (no relation) at the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

**Panelists**

**John Battaglia**, Fisch Sigler, former clerk to Chief Judge Paul R. Michel

John Battaglia is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Fisch Sigler. He is a seasoned intellectual property first chair trial lawyer who is also a former Deputy Associate Attorney General of the United States, a position he was appointed to by President George W. Bush. Mr. Battaglia has tried numerous cases to verdict. Mr. Battaglia remains a recognized authority on jury trial strategy and presentation. Mr. Battaglia was selected and has served for several years as a faculty member at the University of Virginia Law School's Trial Advocacy College, as well as faculty at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA). Mr Battaglia was also selected for inclusion in the 2014 edition of the Expert Guides: World's Leading Litigation and Product Liability Lawyers and named an "IP Star" in the Managing IP magazine's 2015 IP World Handbook and Survey.

Mr. Battaglia clerked for the Honorable Paul R. Michel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the Honorable William T. Prince of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Mr. Battaglia also served as a trial lawyer and federal prosecutor with the United States Department of Justice, where he was selected for the DOJ's prestigious and highly selective Honors Program.

- Boston College Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1997
- Boston College, B.A., *cum laude*, 1992

**Shawn Blackburn**, Susman Godfrey, former clerk to Chief Judge Sharon Prost

Shawn Blackburn is an associate at the firm of Susman Godfrey. He represents both plaintiffs and defendants in all types of commercial litigation in federal and state courts, including intellectual property litigation. He joined the firm after clerking for Judge Sharon Prost of United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Prior to his clerkship, Shawn worked at Axinn Veltrop & Harkrider both as an associate and a patent agent.

- Brigham Young University (B.S., Microbiology, 2002)
- Brigham Young University (M.S., Molecular Biology, 2004)
- The University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine (Ph.D., Cell and Molecular Biology, 2008)
- Columbia Law School (J.D., 2011)
  - Editor-in-Chief, Columbia Science and Technology Law Review
  - Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
  - James Kent Scholar

**Phillip Lee, McKool Smith**, former clerk to Circuit Judge Evan J. Wallach

Phillip Lee is an associate in the Los Angeles and Silicon Valley offices of McKool Smith Hennigan. Phillip focuses his practice on commercial and intellectual property litigation. Previously, he was a judicial law clerk: first, at the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California; and next, at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Prior to his judicial clerkships, Phillip practiced patent litigation and patent prosecution with national law firms in California.

Before joining the legal profession, Phillip had the honor of serving with the U.S. Marine Corps during Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2004 to 2005.

- J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law.
- M.S., Electrical Engineering, Columbia University.
- M.A., Biotechnology, Columbia University.
- B.S., Physics, University of California, Irvine.
- B.A., History, University of California, Irvine.

**Kori Anne Bagrowski**, former clerk to Chief Judge Randall R. Rader

Kori Anne Bagrowski practice focuses on patent litigation before the federal appellate and district courts and before the United States International Trade Commission. Ms. Bagrowski's served as a judicial clerk to Judge Leonard E. Davis, the former Chief Judge at the United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas. She then served as a judicial clerk to the former Chief Judge Randall R. Rader at the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Ms. Bagrowski has represented a variety of clients, ranging from start-up businesses to multinational corporations. Ms. Bagrowski's experience extends through every stage of litigation involving a wide range of technical areas, including biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, computer hardware and software, memory devices and controllers, telecommunications, business methods, and various mechanical devices.

