

## Jill A. McWhirter

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As a partner in our Corporate, Finance and Investment Practice Group practice, Jill McWhirter specializes in identifying and solving cutting-edge intellectual property issues in complex transactions. Jill's technical credentials help her in not only providing critical and practical strategic advice to global clients but also the ability to have a strong understanding of the technology at issue.

Jill counsels companies in a wide range of technology transactions to help them profitably develop, share and exploit their technical and IP assets. She provides clients with innovative IP strategies, as well as insights into the legal challenges they may face.

With a background in nuclear engineering, Jill has particular knowledge of the energy sector and its IP transactional challenges. Working with domestic and international energy sector clients, she advises on the types of IP transactional matters that may arise in daily operations, as well as on critical company-changing transactions. Jill frequently assists on IP corporate matters related to construction projects and related licensing agreements, as well as counseling on related IP concerns. Jill works across practice areas to provide critical support on joint ventures, strategic alliances and research and development collaborations. In addition, Jill handles numerous IP-related matters in the Middle East and in the petrochemical, oil and gas industries, partnering with clients to develop overall IP strategies.

Jill's software licensing expertise is extensive. She works with in-house counsel, procurement and IT departments on complex software licensing transactions. She has advised on and negotiated over 200 related agreements in the last five years ranging from software and data licensing (both in-bound and outbound), exploitation and distribution of software assets, framework and enterprise agreements, as well as cloud computing and software service agreements. With this experience, Jill is able to bring significant benchmarking opportunities so that companies understand the risks and the terms being negotiated across the industry.

### Matters

Represented **one of the world's largest drill bit manufacturers** in all aspects of IP transactional, licensing and litigation matters.

Negotiated framework terms and conditions, statements of work and service agreement on a \$200

million agreement with a **major enterprise application software supplier**.

Negotiated a US\$50 million cloud-based security network agreement for a **large petrochemical company**.

Drafted and negotiated over 200 software license agreements, enterprise agreements, software maintenance and support agreements over last three years involving third-party licensees for a **start-up of a major international petrochemical manufacturing plant**.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

J.D., St. Mary's University, magna cum laude

B.S., University of Michigan

### ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

Alabama

District of Columbia

Texas

### CLERKSHIPS

Intern, Texas Supreme Court Justice Craig Enoch, Texas

### ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association

The District of Columbia Bar

State Bar of Texas

International Trademark Association

Houston Intellectual Property Law Association

American International Property Law Association

Alabama State Bar Association

Licensing Executives Society

## Recognition

Managing Intellectual Property Global IP Stars

2018

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IAM Patent 1000 - The World's Leading Patent Professionals

2018

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Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals

INTELLECTUAL ASSET MANAGEMENT, 2017

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## Insights

## ARTICLE

*June 13, 2018 • Source: Texas Lawyer*  
Considerations for Cloud Computing Agreements

## NEWSLETTER

*June 4, 2018*  
Energy Newsletter - June 2018

## Events

### CONFERENCE

*May 6, 2017*  
Girls' STEM Robotics Event

*November 29, 2016*  
MIP International Women's Leadership Forum

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*January 16, 2018*  
Jill McWhirter to Speak at World IP Forum

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## News

### CASES & DEALS

*May 28, 2019*  
King & Spalding Advises TSYS in its \$54 Billion Merger of Equals with Global Payments

### IN THE NEWS

*May 28, 2019 • Source: Law360, Bloomberg, Bloomberg Big Law Business and Mergers & Acquisitions*  
Jim Woolery and Keith Townsend advise Total System Services in its \$54 billion merger of equals with Global Payments which was named a Law360 Legal Lion

### RECOGNITION

*June 10, 2019*  
King & Spalding IP Practices and Individuals Recognized in the IAM Patent 1000 Guide

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