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PRACTICE AREAS

Intellectual Property
Patent Litigation

EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law (JD, 2015, Order of the Coif and Fred & Mary Leydorf Scholar, Tax & Estate Planning Law Association - Vice President, and Pacific Basin Law Journal - Business Editor)
Georgetown University (BA, 2012, magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa)

ABOUT

James N. Pickens is a partner in RAK's patent litigation group. Mr. Pickens excels at trial advocacy. Mr. Pickens has performed the direct examinations for expert witnesses on patent infringement in five jury trials. Each jury returned a verdict of infringement in favor of RAK's clients:

- In 2022, Mr. Pickens assisted the RAK team in obtaining a jury verdict of patent infringement against Google LLC in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas in *EcoFactor, Inc. v. Google LLC*, No. 6:20-cv-00075 (W.D. Tex.).
- In 2023, Mr. Pickens assisted the RAK team in obtaining a jury verdict of patent infringement against *ecobee Inc.* in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas in *EcoFactor, Inc. v. Ecobee Inc.*, No. 6:21-cv-00428 (W.D. Tex.).



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- In 2016, Mr. Pickens assisted the RAK team in obtaining a jury verdict of willful patent infringement, representing the plaintiff in Core Wireless Licensing S.a.r.l. v. LG Electronics, Inc. et al. (E.D. Tex.).
- Also in 2016, Mr. Pickens assisted the RAK team in obtaining a verdict of patent infringement against Apple, Inc. in the Northern District of California in Core Wireless Licensing S.a.r.l. v. Apple, Inc. (N.D. Cal.). In 2017, Mr. Pickens assisted the RAK team in obtaining a verdict of patent infringement with respect to data compression technology protected by U.S. Patent No. 8,643,513 in Realtime Data LLC d/b/a IXO v. Riverbed Technology, Inc. (E.D. Tex.).

Mr. Pickens was selected by his peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (2024 – 2026 Editions) for Litigation – Intellectual Property.

Prior to joining Russ August & Kabat, Mr. Pickens was an attorney at Reed Smith LLP in the firm's Complex Litigation Group. He has experience drafting and negotiating agreements on behalf of clients in the media, entertainment, and real estate industries, including clients specializing in virtual reality and augmented reality applications. He also has experience arbitrating motion picture distribution fee disputes and negotiating the acquisition of an entertainment company.

Mr. Pickens earned his law degree from UCLA School of Law, where he graduated Order of the Coif (i.e., in the top 10% of his Class) and as a Fred & Mary Leydorf Scholar. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Georgetown University, where he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honors society and graduated magna cum laude.