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Overview

Parker Folse is a partner with Susman Godfrey, LLP in the firm's Seattle, Washington office, which he founded in 1995. He represents both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of complex commercial litigation matters, including contract disputes, antitrust litigation, and patent infringement cases. Called a "very strong litigator" by *Chambers USA* in their 2020 rankings, Mr. Folse has been a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers since 2012 and has extensive experience in difficult, complex commercial cases. *Lawdragon* has included Mr. Folse on their "Top 500 Lawyers in America" list from 2015 through 2018, most recently inducting him into their "[Hall of Fame](#)" in 2019. In 2016, *Lawdragon* profiled Mr. Folse as part of their prestigious "[Limelight Series](#)."

Mr. Folse has also been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for the last fifteen years (2010 – 2024) for his work in Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Antitrust, Litigation-Intellectual Property, and Litigation-Patent. In 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2024 Best Lawyers named Mr. Folse "Lawyer of the Year – Antitrust" in Washington. He was also recognized as "Lawyer of the Year" in Commercial Litigation and Intellectual Property in 2012 and 2015, respectively. In 2022 Best Lawyers named Mr. Folse "Lawyer of the Year – Patent Litigation" in Washington.

Mr. Folse is regularly retained by clients for the purpose of negotiating settlement of substantial commercial disputes prior to the commencement of litigation. His role as counsel for Novell, Inc. in negotiating a landmark settlement of disputes with Microsoft was featured in *American Lawyer* magazine.

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"Parker Folse is a 'prominent lawyer' who is 'highly regarded by many people' as 'one of the best litigators around town.' He impresses market

observers for his sheer breadth of litigation expertise, including contract disputes, antitrust, intellectual property, audit malpractice and other areas.”

As quoted in Chambers USA 2019 rankings

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Parker Folse, “remains a revered presence, who generates plaudits from peers well outside the city. “Oh man, this guy is just ‘King Cool,’” quips one peer. “Great lawyer – has the skills and the polish. He is so good that they basically set up the Seattle office of the firm just to accommodate him when he decided to relocate there. How cool is that? That’s how you know you’re good.”

As quoted in Benchmark Litigation 2022 Rankings

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“I’ve seen him argue; the guy is amazing.”

As quoted in Chambers USA 2019 rankings

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“Parker Folse is a distinguished figure in the market, widely praised for his expertise in intellectual property litigation. He also offers a wealth of experience in antitrust and contractual disputes.”

As quoted in Chambers USA 2018 rankings

Mr. Folse has been a frequent CLE speaker on trial practice, patent infringement, antitrust and other commercial litigation issues. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Washington, and is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. He has served on the Council of the ABA’s Section of Antitrust Law (2013-2015) and he has served as a Vice Chair of the Trial Practice Committee and of the Civil Practice and Procedure Committee, and as a member of the Section’s Task Force on Civil Practice and Procedure and on Remedies. He is also the former Chair of the Washington State Bar Association Section on Antitrust, Consumer Protection, and Unfair Business Practices.

From December 2012 through September 2018, Mr. Folse served by appointment of the Chief Justice of the United States as a member of the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Mr. Folse is also a former officer and director and continuing supporter of the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for people affected by osteogenesis imperfecta.

Honors & Distinctions

- *Lawdragon* 500 Global Plaintiff Lawyer (2024)
- *Goliath Slayer*: Washington Super Lawyers Magazine Profiles Parker Folse (2023, Thomson Reuters)
- Leader in the Field – Litigation, Chambers USA (2014 – 2023)
- *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigator (2022, 2023)
- *Lawdragon* Hall of Fame (2019)
- *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Lawyers in America (2015-2018)
- *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- *Limelight Series*, *Lawdragon* (2016)
- Super Lawyer, Washington State (1999-2022); “Top 100” Super Lawyers (2005-2009, 2015-2016, and 2018-2022); “Top Ten” Super Lawyers (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022) (the lawyers who received the highest point totals in the Washington nomination, research and blue ribbon review process across all practice areas, *Thomson Reuters*)
- Recognized Lawyer, IAM Patent 1000 (2012-2023, International Asset Management)
- Recognized Practitioner – Intellectual Property, Chambers USA (2017 – 2020)
- Leader in the Field – Litigation, Chambers USA (2014 – 2021)
- One of six “Top Lawyers,” Business Litigation, *Seattle* magazine (2007)
- Litigation Star, Benchmark Litigation (2020-2023, *Euromoney*)
- Recognized Lawyer – Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation-Antitrust, Litigation-Intellectual Property, and Litigation-Patent, The Best Lawyers in America (2010-2024, Woodward-White Inc.)
- Lawyer of the Year, Litigation – Patent, Washington, The Best Lawyers In America (2022, Woodward-White Inc.)
- Lawyer of the Year, Litigation – Antitrust, Washington, The Best Lawyers in America (2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2024, Woodward-White Inc.)
- Lawyer of the Year – Intellectual Property, Washington, The Best Lawyers in America (2015, Woodward-White Inc.)
- Lawyer of the Year – Commercial Litigation, Washington, The Best Lawyers in America (2012, Woodward-White Inc.)
- Best Lawyers in Washington State, Commercial Litigation and Bet-the-Company Litigation (*Seattle Business Monthly*, 2011)

- Leon Green award from the Texas Law Review Association “for outstanding contributions to the legal profession” (2008)

Education

The University of Texas School of Law (J.D., with High Honors, 1980)

Harvard University (B.A., magna cum laude, 1977)

Admissions

Bar Admissions

- Washington
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Court Admissions

- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Wins

Susman Godfrey Client DataQuill Ltd Wins \$31.5 Million Verdict in Technology IP Case

Jury Confirms Validity of All Three Patents, Awards \$17 million in Damages for Susman Godfrey Client Intellectual Ventures

Susman Godfrey LLP \$40 Million Judgment in Patent Infringement Suit Against AT&T Inc. Affirmed by Federal Circuit

Seattle Workers Win Fight Over \$15 Minimum Wage

Leadership & Professional Memberships

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- American Bar Association
- Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation
- Serves on the Council of the ABA's Section of Antitrust Law (2013-2016) and Former Vice Chair of the Trial Practice Committee and the Civil Practice and Procedure Committee of the ABA Section of Antitrust Law, member of the Section's Task Force on Civil Practice and Procedure, and member of its Task Force on Remedies
- Former Chair, Washington State Bar Association Section on Antitrust, Consumer Protection, and Unfair Business Practices (2009-2010) and current member of the Section's executive committee
- Editor-in-chief of the Law Review, *University of Texas School of Law*