

The National Law Journal Names Associate Shawn Blackburn a 2017 “Intellectual Property Trailblazer”

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The *National Law Journal* has named Houston Associate, Shawn Blackburn, among the 49 “Intellectual Property Trailblazers” in their third annual compilation industry leaders. The publication received hundreds of submissions for this honor.

This annual *National Law Journal* List describes the honorees as people who make their mark in various aspects of legal work in the areas of patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret law; each showing passion and determination in pursuit of their respective missions, having achieved significant success along the way.

In recognizing Blackburn, the *National Law Journal* notes his precedent-setting, noteworthy patent work. This includes a March 2016 win on behalf of Queens University against Samsung, which was the first-ever recognition of patent agent privilege from the federal circuit. Blackburn argued and won this legal battle before the federal circuit – a rare feat for any associate. Susman Godfrey was later honored with an Editor’s Choice Award by *Managing IP* for this win.

The full write-up for Blackburn can be found [here](#).