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For more than two decades, Jeff has been the advocate that sophisticated companies call when technologies collide with the courtroom. A former research scientist, he draws on a deep, hands-on understanding of physics, chemistry, computer science, and engineering, using this expertise to simplify—even humanize—the most arcane subject matter for judges and juries.

Credentials

- University of Houston Law Center
  J.D., *magna cum laude*
  Order of the Coif
  Order of Barons
  Dean's Scholar
  Executive Editor, *Houston Law Review*
- Rice University
  Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Biogeochemistry
- Duke University
  Ph.D., Biogeochemistry
  NASA Earth System Science Fellow
  National Science Foundation Fellow
  Sigma Xi
- Yale University
  M.F.S., Systems Ecology
  MacLean Scholar
- University of Rochester,
  B.S., Biological Sciences, *magna cum laude, with distinction for research*
  B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude*
  Phi Beta Kappa
  de Kiewiet Scholar
- Admitted to Practice:
  Texas
  U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
  U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Federal Circuits
  U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas
  U.S. Supreme Court

Whether dissecting the code that drives a neural-network algorithm, cross-examining experts on polymer synthesis, or deconstructing the circuitry at the heart of a power-conversion patent, Jeff marries deep technical insight with the strategic instincts of a seasoned trial lawyer.

Jeff's docket has spanned virtually every modern industry, and he has handled cases in state and federal courts across the country involving power electronics, artificial intelligence, oilfield technologies, advanced polymers, enterprise software, and life-saving medical devices. He has secured favorable verdicts and settlements for plaintiffs and defendants alike, and he is equally adept at out-maneuvering opponents in the courtroom and at the negotiation table. Clients also retain Jeff to resolve disputes long before they ripen into litigation; his mastery of licensing, joint-development, and other complex commercial agreements often turns potential flashpoints into mutually profitable business opportunities.

A registered patent attorney, Jeff is a force in post-grant practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He has handled numerous inter partes reviews—both as lead counsel and as behind-the-scenes strategist crafting the technical and procedural roadmap that shapes a winning petition or response. This dual perspective allows him to integrate PTAB strategy seamlessly into district-court litigation, delivering coordinated offensives that protect or dismantle patents with surgical precision.

The legal community has taken notice. *Chambers USA* ranks Jeff among Texas's elite intellectual-property litigators, noting, "Jeff has been professional, strategic, and obviously possesses great skill and knowledge in this area," and "Jeff is extremely proficient both from a legal perspective and in making recommendations with the best interest of the business in mind." *Lawdragon*, *Best Lawyers in America*, Thomson

Reuters' *Super Lawyers*, and *Martindale-Hubbell* all list him as a leading practitioner in patent and IP litigation. Peers praise his command of complex technology; clients laud the clarity and conviction with which he tells their story.

Service beyond the courtroom is integral to Jeff's practice. Since 2009, he has helped shape the futures of promising students as a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of Greater Houston's scholarship committee. He is a Master of the Bench in the Honorable Nancy F. Atlas Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, teaches intellectual property law at the University of Houston Law Center, and lends his voice to civil-rights initiatives as a director for the Anti-Defamation League's Southwest Region.

Jeff began his legal career at Locke Lord LLP and later honed his craft at the intellectual-property boutique Sutton McAughan Deaver PLLC before bringing his trial and technical acumen to our firm. Jeff and his wife, Dale, have two daughters, one in college and one in medical school, who remind him that the best cross-examination begins with listening.

Experience

Patent Litigation

- **Topsoe, Inc. v. Casale SA** (SDTX). Lead trial counsel for Topsoe in a set of related disputes with competitor Casale over low-carbon ammonia technologies, spanning patent, PTAB, and Lanham Act claims. Yetter Coleman took over as lead counsel in spring 2025, stepping into ongoing litigation over allegations that Casale incorporated Topsoe technology into its own patent filings and then used those patents to interfere with customer relationships and major ammonia projects in Texas and Louisiana. Since taking over the matter, we have defeated Casale's nearly two-year jurisdictional challenge; expanded the case to add Sherman Act attempted-monopolization claims built on Walker Process fraud. I simultaneously serve as lead counsel in a parallel inter partes review of the patent involved in the district court litigation.
- **Global Tubing v. Tenaris Coiled Tubes** (SDTX). Obtained a complete defense victory in connection with seeking a declaratory judgment that Global Tubing's quench-and-tempered coiled tubing products – key to its business – did not infringe three Tenaris Over the six-year dispute, we defeated several motions to dismiss, obtained a discovery ruling that used the crime-fraud exception to order Tenaris to produce attorney-client communications related to a key prior art document, and an opinion sanctioning Tenaris for violating the protective in prosecuting follow-on patents. The district court granted our client's motion for summary judgment and found all the patents unenforceable due to Tenaris's fraud on the Patent Office.
- **LiquidPower Specialty Products, Inc. v. Baker Hughes Company** (SDTX). Defended Baker Hughes as lead counsel in patent infringement case. We asserted antitrust counterclaims based on *Walker Process* fraud and stayed the case while Baker Hughes challenged LiquidPower patents through *inter partes* After the Patent Office found all asserted patent claims to be unpatentable, we successfully moved the district court to lift the stay as to Baker Hughes' antitrust counterclaims, over LiquidPower's opposition, while IPR appeals were pending. The IPR decisions were ultimately affirmed, LiquidPower dismissed its infringement claims, and Baker Hughes became the plaintiff. After further discovery, expert reports, and dispositive motions on Baker Hughes' antitrust claims, the parties settled on confidential terms.
- **PfP Industries v. Rockwater Energy Solutions** (WDTX). Lead counsel defending Rockwater in a patent infringement case involving methods and equipment utilized in hydraulic fracturing operations.
- **Confidential Client (AAA).** Defended an international oil field services company against a competitor against patent infringement claims concerning measurement-while-drilling, imaging technology, and extensive firmware and software source code. Plaintiff was seeking over $100 million in damages, but the dispute settled on confidential terms after the two-week arbitration hearing.
- **Legends, Inc. v. The Upper Deck Co. LLC** (SDTX). Taking over Upper Deck's defense just two months before trial, obtained a jury verdict of no infringement and no willful infringement of patent concerning a method for authenticating signatures on sports memorabilia.
- **Uniloc USA et al. v. GE Healthcare** (EDTX)**.** Defended GE Healthcare in a patent infringement suit involving electronic medical records software. Uniloc sued all major providers of EMR software, and multiple cases were consolidated for claim construction and discovery. We were the only defendant that designated a claim construction expert—a pioneer in the EMR space that had developed the original version of one of GE's accused products. Based on the strength of the expert testimony, the case settled as to GE for nuisance value, while proceeding against other competitors.
- **Power-One v. Artesyn Technologies** (EDTX)**.** Defended Artesyn in competitor patent infringement suit concerning digital control of board-level power Of four asserted patents, obtained a verdict of no infringement on one patent, dismissal of two patents, and an award of only $100 in damages on the fourth patent.

Trade Secret Litigation

- **NPIC v. Gambol Pet Group Co., Ltd.** (EDTX). Lead counsel defending China-based pet treat company and its management from claims of trade secret misappropriation by a Texas-based pet treat company.
- **Rebound International v. Expedi, Inc.** Represented plaintiff as lead counsel against a competitor founded by a former employee by using misappropriated trade secrets and confidential information related to a new business model to optimize maintenance of oil and gas drilling operations.

Dispute was fought in three venues—state court, federal court, and arbitration—and ultimately settled after Rebound defeated Expedi's trademark counterclaims and motions to dismiss.

- **SAE Towers v. TransDesign International.** Represented defendants as lead counsel in this misappropriation of trade secret case involving computer software used in the design of steel towers with a damages claim for over $40 Case settled with plaintiff taking nothing.
- **Inhance Technologies v. Paul Banks, David Molthen and TMRJ Holdings, Inc.** (Harris Co., TX)**.** Took over representation of defendants after prior counsel allowed the entry of a preliminary injunction. Rebuilt the case and won a unanimous jury verdict of no willful or malicious misappropriation of trade secrets and no breach of fiduciary duty by defendants Banks and Molthen, and no misappropriation of trade secrets by defendant TMRJ Holdings.

Trademark Litigation

- **The University of Houston v. Houston College of Law, Inc., formerly known as South Texas College of Law** (SDTX). Represented the University of Houston in its case for trademark infringement after the South Texas College of Law changed its name to "Houston College of Law." Obtained a preliminary injunction and the case ultimately settled with South Texas College of Law agreeing to abandon the name "Houston College of Law" and taking other steps, representing a complete victory for the University of Houston.
- **Ecoclean v. Eco Restoration d/b/a Eco Clean Cleaning and Restoration** (SDTX). Took over representation of plaintiff after former counsel failed to obtain a preliminary injunction for the plaintiff. Developed an aggressive approach to the trademark infringement claim and settled the case with an agreement the defendant would cease all use of the mark and pay damages.

Copyright Litigation

- **Harris Local Government Solutions True Prodigy Tech Solutions** (EDTX). Lead counsel representing defendant in copyright infringement and trade secret misappropriation related to software source code for computer assisted mass appraisal software.
- **General Electric Company v. Sealed Unit Parts Co.** (EDTX). Represented GE in this copyright infringement case, where the defendant was selling replacement master control boards for GE refrigerators. A detailed investigation of defendant's replacement boards showed that the firmware source code was at least 99.97% identical to copyrighted GE source code. The case settled shortly after GE filed a complaint for copyright infringement, with a total victory for GE.

Other

- **Eagle Software v. Appriss Inc.** (WDOH). Represented plaintiff as lead counsel in breach of license agreement to prescription monitoring program software and associated intellectual property rights. The parties reached a confidential negotiated settlement before trial.

Professional Honors & Affiliations

- *Legal 500 US City Elite,* Intellectual Property, 2027
- Adjunct Professor of Intellectual Property Law, University of Houston Law Center, 2023–present
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers* in Texas Intellectual Property, 2017-2026
- Managing IP, IP STARS Patent Star, United States (National) and Texas, 2026
- Lawdragon 500 Leading Global IP Lawyers, 2025-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America* in IP Litigation, 2019-2027; Patent Law, 2015–2027, Patent Litigation, 2018-2027
- "Texas Super Lawyer" in Intellectual Property Litigation, *Thomson Reuters*, 2015–2026
- "Texas 100 Super Lawyers" in Houston, 2020
- "Texas Rising Star," Intellectual Property Litigation, 2013–2015
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Peer Reviewed in Intellectual Property, Patents, and Litigation, 2013–present
- The Honorable Nancy F. Atlas Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, Master of the Bench, 2024-present, Barrister, 2015–2024, Associate 2013–2015
- Editorial Board: American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) *Quarterly Journal*, 2019–2022
- Editorial Board: Landslide, ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law, 2009–2019
- Board of Directors: Houston Intellectual Property Law Association, 2022-2024
- Board of Directors: University of Houston Law Center Alumni Association, 2018–present

- Board of Directors: Anti-Defamation League, Southwest Region, 2009–2015; 2019–present
- Executive Board: Houston Bar Association, Litigation Section, 2011
- Chair: Houston Intellectual Property Law Association Amicus Committee, 2012–2014
- Member: Phi Beta Kappa Alumni of Greater Houston Scholarship Committee, 2006–present
- Fellow: American Bar Foundation
- Fellow: Texas Bar Foundation
- Fellow: Houston Bar Foundation

Presentations & Publications

Legal Publications & Presentations

- "Texas Patent Litigation Trends", CLE Program, Texas General Counsel Forum, July 2026
- "Intersection of Antitrust and IP: Sherman Act, Standard Essential Patents and Licensing and Litigation Strategies," CLE Program, Licensing Executives Society, May 2026
- "Patent Litigation 2026 – Trends and Developments," Chambers and Partners Practice Guides (co-author), February 2026
- "Antitrust & IP Litigation," CLE Program, Houston Bar Association, Antitrust Law Section, October 2025
- "Antitrust & IP Litigation," 41st Annual Fall Institute on Intellectual Property Law, Houston Intellectual Property Law Association and University of Houston Law Center Institute of Intellectual Property & Information Law, September 2025
- "Discretionary Denials 2.0 — The Litigator's IPR Playbook Under the New PTAB Regime," *The Texas Lawbook,* August 2025
- "The Intersection of Antitrust & IP," CLE Presentation, April 2025 (co-presenter)
- "Ethical Issue of Working with Foreign Counsel," State Bar of Texas Advanced Intellectual Property Law Course, 2023 (author and presenter)
- "Demystifying the Crime-Fraud Exception," *The Advocate*, Winter 2022 (co-author)
- "Issue and Developments in Multi-District Litigation in Patent Cases," Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation, 2012 (co-presenter)
- "Multi-District Litigation: Strategic and Tactical Questions," University of Texas School of Law 17th Annual Advanced Patent Law Institute, 2012 (panelist)
- "The Nuts & Bolts of MDL," State Bar of Texas Advanced Patent Litigation Course, 2012 (moderator)
- "Harness the Power of EDD Planning," *Texas Lawyer*, April 2009
- "Patent Law Primer — What is Patentable?", *The Advocate*, Winter 2008
- "Pfizer's Viagra Patent and the Promise of Patent Protection in China," 28 L. L.A. Int'l Comp. J. 1, 2006
- "Reversing Copyright Misuse: Enforcing Contractual Prohibitions on Software Reverse Engineering," 41 Houston Law Review 976, 2004

Peer-Reviewed Scientific Publications:

- Bernhardt, E.S., J.J. Barber, J.S. Pippen, L. Taneva, J.A. ANDREWS and W.H. Schlesinger. 2006. Long-term effects of free air CO_2 enrichment (FACE) on soil respiration. *Biogeochemistry* 77:91–116.
- Suwa, M., G.G. Katul, R. Oren, J. ANDREWS, J. Pippen, A. Mace and W.H. Schlesinger. 2004. Inferring the effects of elevated atmospheric CO_2 on subsurface respiration using chamber measurements and inverse methods. *Global Biogeochemical Cycles*: 18(2), GB2013.10.1029/2003GB002182.
- Redeker, K.R., J. ANDREWS, F. Fisher, R. Sass and R.J. Cicerone. 2002. Inter- and intra-field variability of methyl halide emissions from rice paddies. *Global Biogeochemical Cycles* 16(4): Art. No. 1125 DEC 10 2002.
- Sass, R.L., J.A. ANDREWS, A. Ding and F.M. Fisher, Jr. 2002. Spatial and temporal variability in methane emissions from rice paddies: Implications for assessing regional methane budgets. *Nutrient Cycling in Agroecosystems* 64: 3-7.
- Sass, R.L., F.M. Fisher, Jr. and J.A. ANDREWS. 2002. Spatial variability in methane emissions from a Texas rice field with some general implications. *Global Biogeochemical Cycles* 16(1): 15-21.
- ANDREWS, J.A. and W.H. Schlesinger. 2001. Soil CO_2 dynamics, acidification, and chemical weathering in a temperate forest with experimental CO_2 enrichment. *Global Biogeochemical Cycles* 15(1): 149-162.
- Luo, Y., L. Wu, J.A. ANDREWS, L. White, R. Matamala, K.V.R. Schäfer and W.H. Schlesinger. 2001. Elevated CO_2 differentiates ecosystem carbon processes: A deconvolution analysis of the Duke Forest FACE data. *Ecological Monographs* 71(3): 357-376.
- ANDREWS, J.A., R. Matamala, K. Westover, W.H. Schlesinger. 2000. Temperature effects on the diversity of soil heterotrophs and the ^{13}C of soil-

respired CO_2. *Soil Biology & Biochemistry*: 32(5): 699-706.

- Allen, A.S., J.A. ANDREWS, A.C. Finzi , R. Matamala, D.D. Richter and W.H. Schlesinger. 2000. Effects of Free Air CO_2 Enrichment (FACE) on belowground processes in a loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*) forest. *Ecological Applications*: 10(2): 437-448.
- Schlesinger, W.H. and J.A. ANDREWS. 2000. Soil respiration and the global carbon cycle. *Biogeochemistry* 48: 7-20.
- Hanson, P.J., N.T. Edwards, C.T. Garten, Jr. and J.A. ANDREWS. 2000. Separating root versus soil microbial respiration: A review of methods and observations. *Biogeochemistry* 48: 115-146.
- ANDREWS, J.A., K.G. Harrison, R. Matamala and W.H. Schlesinger. 1999. Separation of root from soil respiration using ^{13}C labeling during Free-Air CO_2 Enrichment (FACE). *Soil Science Society of America Journal* 63(5): 1429-1435.
- DeLucia, E.H., J.G. Hamilton, S.L. Naidu, R.B. Thomas, J.A. ANDREWS, A. Finzi, M. Lavine, R. Matamala, J.E. Mohan, G.R. Hendrey, and W.H. Schlesinger. 1999. Net primary production of a forest ecosystem with experimental CO_2 enrichment. *Science* 284: 1177-1179.
- ANDREWS, J.A., T.G. Siccama and K.A. Vogt. 1999. The effect of soil nutrient availability on retransolcation of Ca, Mg and K at the heartwood/sapwood boundary in Atlantic white cedar. *Plant & Soil*: 208: 117-123.
- ANDREWS, J.A. and T.G. Siccama. 1995. Retranslocation of Ca and Mg at the heartwood/sapwood boundary in Atlantic white cedar. *Ecology* 76(2): 659-663.

Presented Scientific Papers:

- Schlesinger, W.H. and J.A. ANDREWS. 2000. High CO_2 stimulates plant growth and rock weathering: A feedback that regulates atmospheric CO_2. American Geophysical Union Chapman Conference on the Gaia Hypothesis, 19-23 June, Valencia, Spain (invited)
- Redeker, K.R., J. ANDREWS, F. Fisher, R. Sass and R.J. Cicerone. 2000. Seasonal and spatial variability of methyl halide emissions from rice paddies near Houston, Texas. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 15 -17 December, San Francisco, CA
- McLain, J., N. Oh., D. Richter, J. ANDREWS and D. Ahmann. 2000. American Society for Microbiology General Meeting, 22-26 May, Los Angeles, CA
- ANDREWS, J.A. and W.H. Schlesinger. 1999. Plant-mediated increases in soil CO_2 and weathering under a forest exposed to enriched atmospheric CO_2. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 13-17 December, San Francisco, CA (poster)
- Schlesinger, W.H., E.H. DeLucia, R. Matamala and J.A. ANDREWS. 1999. Response of a forest ecosystem to elevated atmospheric CO_2. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, 13-17 December, San Francisco, CA (invited)
- Luo, Y., J.A. ANDREWS, R. Matamala and W.H. Schlesinger. 1999. Elevated CO_2 differentiates ecosystem C processes: A deconvolution analysis of the Duke Forest FACE data. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, 8-12 August, Spokane, WA
- McLain, J., D.D. Richter, J.A. ANDREWS and D. Ahmann. 1999. Methane cycling in a temperate forest exposed to elevated carbon dioxide. American Society for Microbiology Annual Meeting, June, Chicago, IL (poster)
- ANDREWS, J.A. and W.H. Schlesinger. 1998. Atmospheric CO_2 consumption as a result of weathering under plants grown at elevated CO_2. Soil Science Society of America Annual Meeting, 18-22 October, Baltimore, MD
- ANDREWS, J.A., R. Matamala and W.H. Schlesinger. 1998. Separation of root from soil respiration using ^{13}C labeling during Free-Air CO_2 Enrichment. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, 3-6 August, Baltimore, MD
- Naidu, S.L., E.H. DeLucia, R.B. Thomas, J.A. ANDREWS, A. Finzi, M. Lavine, G.R. Hendrey, and W.H. Schlesinger. 1998. Carbon storage in an intact forest under experimental CO_2 enrichment. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, 3-6 August, Baltimore, MD
- DeLucia, E.H., S.L. Naidu, R.B. Thomas, J. ANDREWS, A. Finzi, G.R. Hendrey, and W.H. Schlesinger. 1998. Net carbon storage in an intact forest under experimental CO2 enrichment. GCTE-LUCC Open Science Conference on Global Change, 14-18 March, Barcelona, Spain
- ANDREWS, J.A., K.G. Harrison and W.H. Schlesinger. 1997. Separation of root from soil respiration in the field using stable carbon isotope tracers. Soil Science Society of America Annual Meeting, 26-30 October, Anaheim, CA
- ANDREWS, J.A. and W.H. Schlesinger. 1997. Soil CO_2 dynamics in the FACTS-1 experiment. U.S. Department of Energy Terrestrial Carbon Program (TCP) Annual Meeting, 9-10 October, Durham, NC (invited)
- ANDREWS, J.A., D.D. Richter and W.H. Schlesinger. 1996. Belowground CO_2 dynamics in a loblolly pine ecosystem: Insights from the FACE-forest prototype study. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, 10-14 August 1996, Providence, RI
- ANDREWS, J.A. 1993. Atlantic white cedar: Remobilization of Ca and Mg in wood in nutrient limiting bogs. Hubbard Brook Ecosystem Study Annual Cooperators' Meeting, 7-8 July 1993, Woodstock, NH