

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property

Education

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D. (2005)
- Queen's University, Canada, B.S., with distinction, Computer Science (2001)
- Queen's University, Canada, B.S., first class honors, Engineering Chemistry (2001)

Honors

- Best Lawyers in America, 2024
- "Texas Rising Star," Texas Super Lawyers (2014, 2015)
- "Top Lawyer," Houstonia Magazine (2019, 2020, 2022)
- Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow

Bar Admissions

- State Bar of Texas
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Southern District of Texas

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Over the past twenty-one years, Aly Dossa has focused his expertise on intellectual property counseling and litigation for software, hardware, medical device and consumer device companies of all sizes, from startups to Fortune 100 companies. He currently serves as both the chair of the Intellectual Property Practice, and the Data Security & Privacy Practice.

Aly has a multidisciplinary understanding of how data flows through systems and interfaces, and how companies can strategically implement their technology. With this knowledge, Aly is able to distinctively identify and anticipate trends and risks in a cross-section of industries while providing forward-thinking, customized legal strategies.

As the chair for the firm's Data Security & Privacy Practice, Aly leverages his expansive technology and industry experience to help clients navigate the incredibly dynamic regulatory landscape. He advises on a wide range of data privacy and protection issues, from information handling, cross-border data transfers, global compliance obligations, mitigating and responding to data breaches and theft, to commercial transactions support, including M&A due diligence.

As the chair of the Intellectual Property Practice, Aly utilizes his technological background to develop and implement powerful global intellectual property strategies, domestic and foreign patent prosecution, domestic and foreign trademark prosecution, draft and negotiate licenses, provide non-infringement opinions, invalidity opinions, and to conduct due diligence.

Aly has earned certifications as a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) and as a Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM) through the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

Publications

- Ready for Launch," Intellectual Property Magazine, March 2019

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- "How to Structure IP-Generating Startups," *Texas Lawyer*, March 2019
- "Start-ups benefit from tax rules," *Intellectual Property Magazine*, February 2019
- "Intellectual Property Issues Raised By Email," *Intellectual Property Law in Cyberspace*, Third Edition (2017)
- "To Protect Your Source Code, Treat it Like Intellectual Property," *SD Times* (2011)

Presentations

- "Texas Data Privacy and Security Act and Texas Data Broker Act", IAPP Houston KnowledgeNet Meeting (April 2024)
- "The Cyber-Wise CFO: Stopping Tomorrow's Threats Today" San Antonio CFO Leadership Council (January 2024)
- "Tax Implications for Intellectual Property Transactions", Business Development Academy, Webinar presented with Phyllis Guillory (May 2018)
- "Protecting Your IP: Principal China IP Laws - Copyright and Software; Lone Star Strategies for IP in China" Seminar, Houston, Texas (May 2017)
- "Intellectual Property Panel," Panelist, C3: MedTech16 Conference, Houston, Texas (April 2016)
- "IP Strategies for Startups," Presentation at 2016 Red Labs/ Owl Spark Accelerator at TMCx (June 2016)
- "IP Strategies for Startups," Presentation at 2015 Red Labs/ Owl Spark Accelerator at TMCx (June 2015)
- "Effective Use of Pilot Programs," 28th Annual Intellectual Property Law Course, Houston, Texas (March 2015)
- "IP Strategies for Startups," Presentation at 2014 Ignition Workshop, Houston, Texas (November 2014)
- "IP Strategies for Startups," Presentation at 2014 RED Labs at University of Houston (Summer 2014)
- "IP Strategies for Startups," Presentation at 2013 Ignition Workshop, Houston, Texas (2013)
- "What Every Startup Needs to Know About Intellectual Property," Co-Presenter, Balkan Venture Forum 2013, Sofia Bulgaria (2013)
- "IP Strategies for Startups," 2012 Ignition Workshop, Houston, Texas (2012)
- "Transforming Science into Innovative Business," Panelist, Balkan Venture Forum 2012, Belgrade, Serbia (2012)
- "From Lab to Commercialization: A Path for Cleantech Startups," Panelist, SXSW Eco 2012, Austin, Texas (2012)
- "Dissecting a Government Grant," 242nd ACS National Meeting, Denver, Colorado (2011)
- "What the CAN-SPAM Act Now Covers," Houston, Texas (2011)
- "I Agreed to What? Understanding Terms of Service/Use on the Web," Houston, Texas (2011)

Civic Involvement

- Focus Humanitarian Assistance USA, Director 2007-2009

Professional Affiliations

- Open Houston, Board of Directors (2015-2016)

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- Open Houston, President (2017-)
- PTAB Bar Association

