IP Attorney, Former Judge Chad Everingham Joins Ward, Smith & Hill

Trial law firm **Ward, Smith & Hill** announced that intellectual property attorney and former U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles "Chad" Everingham IV is joining the firm as partner.

Everingham joins Ward, Smith & Hill from Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, where he handled intellectual property cases and complex business disputes.

As magistrate judge in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Everingham conducted Markman proceedings and intellectual property trials involving medical devices, computer hardware and software, recreational equipment, advanced electronics, semiconductors, and automotive disputes. When Ward, Smith & Hill's T. John Ward served as judge for the Eastern District, Everingham was his permanent law clerk.

The firm said in a release that, since rejoining private practice in 2011, Everingham has litigated a variety of intellectual property and other business matters for clients ranging from individuals to large corporations. He has defended clients against claims of patent infringement in the consumer electronics, telecommunications, energy, hospitality, and software industries. He has also prosecuted claims for trade secret misappropriation on behalf of a Texas neurosurgeon involving spinal implant technology.

Everingham has earned recognition as a leading practitioner in intellectual property law by Chambers USA, and he has been recognized for his IP and patent litigation work by The Best Lawyers in America since 2018.