

# Paul Sykes Returns to Bradley's Birmingham Office as Intellectual Property Partner

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP announced that Paul M. Sykes has returned to the firm as a partner in the Birmingham office.

Sykes had been with Bradley for more than 19 years when he left in January 2018 to serve as general counsel with ADTRAN, Inc., the Huntsville, Ala.-based provider of next-generation open networking and subscriber experience solutions.

"We are extremely happy to welcome Paul back to Bradley where he has built his reputation as one of the best intellectual property attorneys in the United States," said Bradley Chairman of the Board and Managing Partner Jonathan M. Skeeters.

Sykes said, "It is an honor to be able to resume my practice at Bradley alongside colleagues who continue to set the standards for protecting and enforcing our clients' IP rights and business interests."

A member of Bradley's Intellectual Property and Litigation practice groups, Sykes represents businesses and individuals in a wide variety of intellectual property and technology-related legal matters. He counsels clients in the acquisition, licensing and protection of intellectual property rights, and represents clients in litigation involving patents, copyrights, trademarks, unfair competition, and trade secrets. A registered patent attorney and former computer engineer, Sykes previously served as president of the Intellectual Property Section of the Alabama State Bar.

Sykes received his J.D. (magna cum laude) from the University of North Carolina School of Law and his Bachelor of Science (summa cum laude) from Auburn University.