

# Perkins Coie Names Jose Villarreal Managing Partner in Austin

Perkins Coie is pleased to announce that Jose Villarreal has been named managing partner of the firm's Austin office. He is the Austin office's first managing partner since its official opening in February 2020.

A veteran patent litigator and advisor to technology and growth companies, Villarreal focuses his practice on patent litigation and patent trials, strategic intellectual property counseling and licensing, and merger and acquisition IP diligence across diverse technologies including semiconductors, telecommunications, and software. He has represented clients in federal district courts around the country and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. International Trade Commission, and the U.S. Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Prior to his legal career, Villarreal worked in the telecommunications and networking industry. Jose has served on the Conference Planning Committee of the University of Texas School of Law Advanced Patent Law Institute since 2014 and is a founding member of the Yeakel IP Inn of Court.

Drawn by the dynamic growth of the Texas economy, Perkins Coie first entered the Texas market 10 years ago with the opening of its Dallas office. With the addition of the Austin office, the firm now has more than 30 attorneys in the Lone Star State across a range of practices, with particular strength in technology and privacy.