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Mr. Brantley serves as intellectual property (IP) counsel for the United States Army Materiel Command (AMC) and is located at the headquarters office on Redstone Arsenal near Huntsville, Alabama. He is responsible for IP issues (patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and data rights) affecting AMC, and its subordinate commands and reporting agencies, arising from acquisition operations, research and development activities, advanced/additive manufacturing, technology transfer programs, other transaction agreements, and claims against the government.

Prior to working with AMC, Mr. Brantley was a partner at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP, Thomas Kayden Horstemeyer & Risley, LLP, and Wadley & Patterson, PC, where he assisted U.S. and international clients with patent and trademark prosecution; copyright registration; patent, trademark, and copyright infringement litigation and licensing; and data rights counseling. Mr. Brantley also previously served as intellectual property counsel for the United States Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) where he was responsible for handling various intellectual property matters.

He has litigated patent, trademark, and copyright infringement matters in federal courts across the country, served as an expert witness on intellectual property law in patent infringement and trade secret misappropriation litigations, and rendered numerous patent noninfringement, invalidity, and unenforceability opinions for his clients. He has assisted clients with obtaining patent protection for electrical, mechanical, and computer hardware and software technologies, including electronic ballasts; spacecraft propulsion systems; solid rocket boosters; air bag deployment systems; military weapon systems; medical vision screening systems; optical data communication systems; plasma generators; marine products; electronic cameras; Internet-based music distribution systems; digital guitars; telecommunications systems; radio communication systems; LED flashlight systems; and holographic projection/telepresence systems.

Before practicing law, Mr. Brantley was employed as a software programmer, system design engineer, graduate research associate, and engineering consultant. He has designed unmanned ground vehicles for use by the U.S. Army and Marines, electro-mechanical actuators for potential use with the Space Shuttle, and control systems for damping disturbances in thin-film reflectors used in space.

He received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from Auburn University in 1989 and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Alabama in 1997. He also studied for a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering with a focus on adaptive disturbance accommodating control theory and communications at the University of Alabama in Huntsville from 1991-1994 before leaving to attend law school. He is licensed to practice law in state and federal courts in Alabama, and before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Mr. Brantley is a frequent speaker on intellectual property law and regularly provides guidance and training to federal employees on intellectual property and data rights.