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AN EMERGING IP PLAINTIFF'S COURT:

Consider the Middle District of Florida for Patent Litigation

The newest preferred forum for plaintiffs seeking speedy adjudication of their patent infringement claims may be the Middle District of Florida. According to Legalmetric, since 2000, the top five fastest districts for patent litigation (measured in terms of average time from filing to disposition on the merits) were the Eastern District of Virginia, the Western District of Wisconsin, the Middle District of Florida, the Central District of California, and the Western District of Washington. Interestingly, the current popular district for patent infringement, the Eastern District of Texas, does not make the top ten in time to disposition.

This means that patent litigation in the Middle District will likely increase because plaintiff patentees will seek the advantage of the faster docket to pressure defendants. Large companies who constantly are under threat of patent infringement also need to be acutely aware of this new plaintiff's forum. In either circumstance, our experienced patent litigation team can provide any level of support necessary to fully prosecute and defend these actions. Moreover, no one is more experienced and respected in the courts of Florida than Carlton Fields.

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