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Christa Laser's practice focuses on intellectual property litigation and counseling, including patent litigation, false advertising litigation, trademark litigation, and intellectual property policy consulting. Her experience includes significant roles in all phases of litigation, including emergency relief, fact and expert discovery, class certification, dispositive motions, trial and appeals. She represents clients across a variety of industries and technologies such as biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, consumer products, computer hardware and software.

Ms. Laser's patent disputes have been in federal courts and the US International Trade Commission (ITC), and her patent law scholarship has been cited by numerous scholars and by the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In advertising matters, she has counseled clients in disputes at the National Advertising Division of the Council of Better Business Bureaus (NAD), the National Advertising Review Board (NARB), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and federal courts, both under the Lanham Act and in putative nationwide class action defense.

Ms. Laser won the World Championship of the Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competition. She served as a judicial intern at the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the US District Court for the District of Maryland. Before attending law school, Ms. Laser was a researcher at the BioDesign Institute's Center for BioOptical Nanotechnology, where she focused on genetic engineering and protein chemistry of photosynthetic bacteria. Prior to joining WilmerHale, Ms. Laser was an intellectual property litigation attorney at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

Editorial

- Christa Laser, *The Scope of IPR Estoppel: A Statutory, Historical, and Normative Analysis*, 70 Fla. L. Rev. 1127 (2018).
- Christa Laser, *Copyright for Photographers* (Flatbooks 2013).
- Christa J. Laser, *Continuing the Conversation of "The Economic Irrationality of the Patent Misuse Doctrine,"* 11 Chi.-Kent J. Intell. Prop. 104 (2012).

- Christa J. Laser, *Toward A World Patent Judiciary*, IPToday, January 2011, at 8.
- Christa J. Laser, *A Definite Claim on Claim Indefiniteness: An Empirical Study of Definiteness Cases of the Past Decade with a Focus on the Federal Circuit and the Insolubly Ambiguous Standard*, 10 Chi.-Kent J. Intell. Prop. 25 (2010).
 - Cited by Judge Plager in his concurring opinion in *In re Packard*, 751 F.3d 1307 (Fed. Cir. 2014).
 - Cited by multiple briefs to the Supreme Court in *Nautilus, Inc. v. Biosig Instruments, Inc.*
 - Cited in F. Scott Kieff et al., *Principles of Patent Law*, as well as work by other respected IP scholars including Mark Lemley.
- Haiyu Wang, Su Lin, Evaldas Katilius, Christa Laser, James P. Allen, JoAnn C. Williams & Neal W. Woodbury, *Unusual Temperature Dependence of Photosynthetic Electron Transfer Due to Protein Dynamics*, 113 The Journal of Physical Chemistry 818 (2009).
- Haiyu Wang, Su Lin, James Allen, JoAnn Williams, Sean Blankert, Christa Laser & Neal Woodbury, *Protein Dynamics Control the Kinetics of Initial Electron Transfer in Photosynthesis*, 316 Science 747 (2007).

Past Appearances

- Presenter, Tools of Titans DC, Substantiating Your Advertising Claims.
- Presenter, 2016 Advertising Law Seminar.
- Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts: Instructor at WALA on Trademark, Copyright, and Patent Law.
- Trey's Variety Hour: the Great Watermark Debate: panel discussion with Trey Ratcliff, Miss Aniela, Thomas Hawk, Doug Kaye, Peter Giordano, and Gino Barasa.
- TWiT Photo: Photosharing on the Web: Know Your Rights: panel discussion with Mike Linksvayer, Brian Rose, Catherine Hall, Trey Ratcliff, Zach Arias, and Nichole S. Young.

Professional Activities

Ms. Laser is admitted to practice in the US Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit, the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit, the US District Court for the Central District of California and the US District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Ms. Laser is a member of Toastmasters International and first-place winner of the 2018 Area 32 speech contest.

Solutions

Experience

- Counsel for branded pharmaceutical company in patent infringement claims regarding proposed biosimilar product under the BPCIA
- Counsel for branded pharmaceutical company in patent infringement suit regarding ANDA submission
- Counsel for semiconductor company in defense of patent infringement claims in federal court
- Counsel for multinational energy corporation in a patent infringement action involving lithium ion battery technology
- Counsel for health care company in patent infringement action regarding DNA probe technology
- Counsel for multinational technology company in patent infringement action in the ITC regarding magnetic tapes
- Counsel for multinational conglomerate in patent infringement action in the ITC regarding wireless equipment
- Counsel for consumer products company in intellectual property dispute with licensor
- Counsel for electronics company in enforcement proceeding in the ITC regarding smartphone technologies
- Counsel for manufacturer in patent infringement action in federal district court regarding semiconductor technology
- Counsel for worldwide consumer products company in putative class actions and FTC investigation regarding advertising claims
- Counsel for consumer goods brand in multidistrict class action regarding advertising claims on products
- Counsel for commercial web-based service in putative class action in federal court and on appeal
- Counsel for multinational telecommunications conglomerate in competitive false advertising action in federal district court regarding wireless internet
- Counsel for health care company in false advertising class action in federal district court regarding products and in multiple appeals
- Defended multinational telecommunications conglomerate against competitor's request for temporary restraining order against advertising in federal district court regarding internet speeds

- Counsel in over a dozen proceedings before NAD and the NARB
- Counsel in Federal Trade Commission (FTC) proceedings
- Counsel for global discount supermarket chain in trademark dispute concerning private label grocery products, including opposition to preliminary injunction
- Counsel for aerospace manufacturer in trademark, trade dress and unfair competition action in federal district court
- Pro bono counsel to deserving individuals and charitable organizations, including federal appellate matters regarding the rights of the disabled

Credentials

EDUCATION

JD, The George Washington
University Law School, 2011

with honors

*World Champion of Manfred
Lachs Moot Court Competition,
Thurgood Marshall Scholar,
Notes Editor, American
Intellectual Property Law
Association Quarterly Journal,
Member of Moot Court Board*

BS, Biochemistry, Arizona State
University, 2008

magna cum laude

*Barrett Honors College
Graduate, Beckman Scholar,
Biochemistry Award, National
Merit Scholar, President's
Scholar*

ADMISSIONS

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District of Columbia

United States Patent and
Trademark Office