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Mindy Sooter is a trial lawyer focusing on patent, trade secret, and other high-stakes commercial litigation. Ms. Sooter represents large clients, such as those in the medical device, telecommunications and technology sectors, as well as emerging businesses, in a variety of jurisdictions across the country. She has led and co-led many cases to verdict in federal and state courts across the country, and argues post-grant proceedings at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. With a background in engineering, Ms. Sooter focuses on cases involving telecommunications, electrical engineering, computer science and medical devices. Ms. Sooter also focuses on bringing highly technical subject matter to a jury in an accessible and persuasive manner.

Before law school, Ms. Sooter worked for a large management consulting firm, and then led the engineering group at a startup software company.

Professional Activities

Ms. Sooter is an adjunct professor teaching patent litigation at the University of Colorado School of Law.

Solutions

Litigation

Intellectual Property Litigation

Trials

Experience

In recent years, Ms. Sooter's work has prevailed in or successfully resolved numerous cases, including:

- Led the litigation and successful settlement of a high-stakes trade secret case on behalf of two companies and an individual pending in the District of Colorado.
- Obtained a dismissal of a trademark case on behalf of a multinational banking company, pending in the District of Colorado.
- Obtained a dismissal of a patent infringement suit pending in the Western District of Wisconsin on behalf of Medical device company, based on improper venue.
- Achieving a victory for Akamai Technologies, Inc. when the Delaware Supreme Court affirmed the dismissal of a lawsuit brought by Limelight Networks, Inc., a competitor, asserting breach of a settlement agreement between the parties.
- Serving as co-lead counsel for Comcast Cable Communications in a ten-patent infringement matter in the Northern District of California involving interactive television patents, which resulted in granting summary judgment of non-infringement in favor of our client.
- Successfully obtaining dismissal and an award of attorneys' fees of more than \$425,000 in a patent case involving optical network design and components.
- Successfully obtaining a \$12 million jury verdict after a jury found that a competitor had engaged in willful patent infringement, willful trade dress infringement and intentional false advertising.
- Successfully obtaining a summary judgment of non-infringement, and subsequent affirmance by the Federal Circuit, in a patent case involving more than 100 asserted claims and two patents relating to multidimensional database technology.
- Successfully obtaining dismissal on behalf of a software company in a multi-jurisdictional case involving mapping software.
- Successfully obtaining a dismissal on behalf of a medical corporation in a case involving the technical performance of distributed computer systems.
- Successfully obtaining a summary judgment and complete dismissal of a \$20 million licensing claim on behalf of a healthcare diagnostics company.

Recognition

- Named Denver Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers in America* for Intellectual Property Litigation in 2022 and highlighted for "high caliber work in Litigation - Intellectual Property and Litigation – Patent."
- Recognized by *Managing IP* as Colorado's 2022 Litigator of the Year.
- Named a 2022 "Woman Worth Watching in STEM" by *Diversity Journal*.

- Named in the 2021-2023 editions of *Chambers USA Guide* in Colorado for intellectual property.
- Recognized by the University of Colorado Law School as a Distinguished Alumni for her contributions to the legal profession, service to her community and dedication to the school.
- Recognized by *Law Week Colorado* as a Top Women Attorney in 2017 and 2020 and named to its 2018 Top Litigators list.
- Recognized as the Outstanding Intellectual Property Litigator in Colorado by *Managing IP* in 2018 and 2019.
- Recognized by *Colorado Super Lawyers* for intellectual property litigation in 2016–2024.
- Recognized in *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Litigation Star" (2022–2024).
- Named among the Top 250 Women in IP and a 2018–2023 IP Star by *Managing IP*, a guidebook that identifies leading IP lawyers in the United States.
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* for intellectual property litigation (2019–2024) and patent litigation (2023–2024).
- Recognized in the 2014–2023 editions of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners*.
- Named 2014 IP Supporter of the Year by the Silicon Flatirons Center at the University of Colorado Law School.
- Named a "Rising Star" by *Colorado Super Lawyers* in 2012.
- Selected as an "Up and Coming Lawyer" in 2008 by *Law Week Colorado*.
- Named to the Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America list.

Credentials

EDUCATION

JD, University of Colorado Law School, 2003

Editor, Law Review, Order of the Coif, top grades of any 3L

ME, Telecommunications, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1999

BS, Electrical Engineering, Texas A&M University, 1990

magna cum laude

Phi Kappa Phi, Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

US Patent and Trademark Office

CLERKSHIPS

The Hon. Ferdinand F. Fernandez, US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2004 - 2005

The Hon. Mary J. Mullarkey, Colorado Supreme Court, 2003 - 2004