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About

Mary Ann is an experienced litigator whose trial practice focuses on complex commercial disputes, with particular emphasis on intellectual property disputes. Mary Ann has represented clients in a broad array of intellectual property issues, including trademark, trade dress, unfair competition, false advertising, copyright, utility patent, design patent, trade secret and right of publicity disputes, in numerous federal district courts around the country, as well as on appeal.

Mary Ann also chairs the firm's Trademark Practice Group. She counsels clients on intellectual property matters and transactions. She conducts trademark clearance searches and prosecutes trademark applications in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Mary Ann also regularly litigates matters before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, including oppositions, cancellations, and concurrent use proceedings.

Mary Ann has represented clients of all sizes, from individuals and start-up companies to Fortune 500 companies, and in a broad array of industries, from manufacturing to consumer goods and apparel to entertainment to financial services.

Mary Ann regularly speaks on trademark and intellectual property matters and is past Chair of Nebraska State Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Section.

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Education

Stanford Law School, J.D., with Honors, Associate Editor, Stanford Law Review, Articles Editor, Stanford Law & Policy Review
University of Michigan, B.A., with Highest Distinction

Admissions

- Nebraska
- California
- New Mexico
- U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Experience

- Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather L.L.P. (Lincoln)
- Irell & Manella L.L.P. (Los Angeles)
- Law Clerk to Judge Michael Murphy, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- Law Clerk to Judge Martha Vázquez, U.S. District Judge, District of New Mexico