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## Bio

Cecilia R. Dickson is an experienced trial lawyer with a particular focus on intellectual property litigation relating to patents, trademarks, copyrights, covenants not to compete, trade secrets, and other Intellectual Property issues, including licensing disputes. Cecilia has tried patent cases involving electrical engineering, optics, mechanics, the cable industry, cellular telephone technology, and software. In addition, she has handled cases involving a variety of other industries, including medical devices, restaurants and brew pubs, nutritional supplements, professional service firms, coal and natural gas exploration, extraction and production, and chemical companies.

Cecilia has served in a first-chair capacity in a variety of IP litigation matters, and has appeared before trial and appellate courts at the state and federal levels, the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), the Court of International Trade (CIT), the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB). In addition, Cecilia has represented clients in responding to governmental and administrative inquiries and investigations at both the federal and state levels, and also counsels clients on e-discovery and document retention issues.

Apart from her litigation practice, Cecilia also handles trademark prosecution, licensing, enforcement and counseling matters. She has broad experience managing international portfolios, developing trademark and brand strategies, and enforcing trademark rights. Cecilia is routinely involved in due diligence assessments including those related to corporate acquisitions and divestitures as well as advising on licensing and other technology transfer arrangements.

Cecilia is a Court-approved Mediator for the Western District of Pennsylvania, serves on the Advisory Committee for the Study of the Local Patent Rules, and has been appointed as an E-Discovery Special Master by the same court. Cecilia has lectured and published extensively on topics related to e-discovery, trademark law, patent litigation, IP rights and protections, document retention, and ethics. She has served as the Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Section (2011-2012), the President of the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association (2011-2012), and the Chair of the Allegheny County Bar Association's Civil Litigation Section (2014-2015). She is a founding master of the Q. Todd Dickinson Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, and served as the President of that organization (2016-2018). Since 2005, Cecilia has been an adjunct professor at Saint Vincent College.

# Certification

Mediator, Western District of Pennsylvania  
E-Discovery Special Master, Western District of Pennsylvania

# Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania 2002  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 2010  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 2012  
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 2003  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, 2008  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, 2012  
U.S. Court of International Trade, 2009

# Education

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2002 J.D.  
Honors: Cum Laude  
Activities: American Trial Lawyers Association Student Trial Advocacy Competition: 2002 national champion; Harvard Journal on Legislation: Supervising Editor, Congress Issue Editor; Harvard Women's Law Journal: Community Relations Liaison; Harvard Human Rights Journal: Technical Editor; Harvard Defenders (criminal law pro bono organization)

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, 1999 B.S.  
Major: Political Science  
Honors: Summa Cum Laude

# Professional Associations and Memberships

Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation  
Pennsylvania Bar Association  
Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association  
Allegheny County Bar Association  
Fellow, Allegheny County Bar Foundation  
ITC Trial Lawyers Association  
Q. Todd Dickinson Intellectual Property American Inns of Court  
International Trademark Association

# Past Employment Positions

2002-2005: Buchanan Ingersoll  
2005-2012: Jones Day

## **Main Practice Areas:**

Trademark & Copyright  
Business Strategies  
International Practice  
Litigation

## **Recent Publications:**

"So You Want to Be a Litigator?", The Legal Intelligencer (November 2016).

"Combating Devaluation of Trademark Rights", TEQ Magazine (July 2014).

"Understanding the Impact of the REDSKIN Trademarks Cancellation Decision", Techburger (July 2014).

"Steering the Apple Cart: Understanding the Right of Presidential Review in ITC Investigations", TEQ Tech 50 (October 2013).

"10 (and a half) Tips for Dealing with Trademark Issues", The Legal Intelligencer (October 8, 2013).

Pre-Filing Considerations in Intellectual Property Litigation, Straight from the Top: Case Studies in the World of Litigation (ExecSense Books) (2012).

"Nurturing Nanotechnology Through IP Protections", Intellectual Property Magazine (March 2011).

"Creating and Protecting Intellectual Property Rights for Nanotechnology", World Intellectual Property Report (December 2010).

Contributing Author, Steven Bennett, ed., Privacy Law Fundamentals: Ongoing Governing Principles: A Privacy Primer for Corporate Counsel, Aspatore Books (2009).

Researching Fine Lines: Federal Funding of Stem Cell Research and the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution, Forum on Public Policy, Vol. 4, No. 1 (2008).