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Laura Burson is a partner in the Intellectual Property Practice Group in the firm's Los Angeles and Washington DC offices.

Areas of Practice

Ms. Burson focuses on intellectual property litigation with an emphasis on patent law. She is a registered patent attorney, admitted to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Laura has extensive trial and appellate experience in a variety of technology areas including chemicals, medical devices, biopharmaceuticals, and computers. She also represents clients and argues cases in matters pending before the USPTO, including Inter Partes Review and Reexamination proceedings.

Laura is a mentor and thought leader, serving as a Past President of the Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association (LAIPLA) where she has been an officer/board member for 10 years. She is co-founder of LAIPLA's Women-in-IP Committee. In addition, Laura is also an Executive Committee member of the USC IP Institute and has served the last four years as Chair of its annual Women-in-IP Breakfast Program. She is a frequent speaker on intellectual property issues and the co-author of the American Bar Association's, *The Intellectual Property Handbook*, 2nd Edition (Patent Chapter).

Laura is a founding member of the Los Angeles Chapter of ChIPs. She is also active in pro bono matters and has served as a volunteer prosecutor in criminal jury trials. Laura is an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School where she teaches an advanced course on intellectual property litigation.

Honors

- Southern California Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers*, 2018-2021
- Best Lawyers in America, *Best Lawyers*, 2019-2022
- Intellectual Property Trailblazer, "*The National Law Journal*," 2018
- Top Women Lawyers, *Daily Journal*, 2016-2018
- Women Leaders in Tech Law, *Recorder*, 2015

Experience

Representative Matters:

- Coordinates Honeywell Int'l Inc.'s defense in extensive U.S. and international litigation (including lead and back-up counsel in IPR/Reexamination trials at the USPTO). Cases involve low global warming refrigerants and related chemicals.
- Represented Lattice Semiconductor Corp. in patent infringement litigation involving HDMI technology. Case settled favorably.
- Lead counsel for Exeltis USA Dermatology, Inc. in trade secret misappropriation case involving prenatal nutritional supplements. Case settled favorably.
- Co-lead trial counsel for SecurityPoint in invalidity trial. All claims upheld.
- Lead counsel for Cochlear in IPR involving bone anchored hearing aids. Claims upheld.
- Lead counsel for Ramsoft Inc. in copyright infringement, trade secret misappropriations, and breach of contract case involving medical software. Case settled favorably.
- Represented Honeywell Int'l Inc. in patent infringement suit involving a chemical manufacturing process. Favorable jury verdict of invalidity on three separate grounds. Decision upheld on appeal.
- Represented LendingTree in an antitrust and patent infringement lawsuit involving its lending platform. Successfully defeated antitrust claims.
- Represented Medtronic in a patent infringement suit involving multiple patents covering spinal transplant technology.
- Represented Activision, Inc. in videogame matters involving patents, trade secrets, copyrights, and unfair competition claims. Matters settled favorably.
- Represented Covidien (Mallinckrodt Inc.) in patent infringement suit involving contrast media injectors. Case settled favorably during jury trial.

Articles

- *Suing for Patent Infringement if the Government Takes Your Intellectual Property During the COVID-19 Pandemic*
IPWatchdog, 04.24.2020
- *Defending Against Nonperformance Of Life Science Contracts*
Law360, 04.21.2020
- *Suing for Patent Infringement if the Government Takes Your Intellectual Property During the COVID-19 Pandemic*,
IPWatchdog, 04.24.2020
- *Defending Against Nonperformance of Life Science Contracts*, *Law360*, 04.21.2020
- "A.C. Aukerman and the Federal Circuit: What is the Standard of Review for a Summary Judgment Ruling on Laches or Equitable Estoppel?" *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review*, Vol. 32, No. 3, April 1999

Intellectual Property Blog

- "Defending Against Nonperformance Of Life Science Contracts," April 21, 2020

Cannabis Law Blog

- "IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON ILLINOIS CANNABIS CONTRACTS – Do Force Majeure Clauses Provide A Defense To Non-Performance," May 18, 2020

Books

The Intellectual Property Handbook
2016

Media Mentions

TSA Loses Patent Suit Over Airport Security Trays
Law360, 10.31.2016

DC Circuit Awards Attorneys' Fees to SecurityPoint for Illegal and Improper Unilateral Decisions by the Transportation Security Administration
Metropolitan Corporate Counsel, 09.08.2016

Top Women Lawyers
Daily Journal, 04.20.2016

Top Verdicts: Alfred E. Mann Foundation et al. v. Cochlear Corp. et al
Daily Journal, 02.17.2016

Women Leaders in Tech Law: Laura Burson, Sheppard Mullin
The Recorder, 09.25.2015

Events

Project General Counsel Workshop
Sheppard Mullin - Los Angeles, 11.14.2019

Ethics and Eggs: A Breakfast Roundtable to Discuss Ethics Issues in IP Matters
Sheppard Mullin, 10.22.2019

Memberships

- President, 2018-2019, Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association ("LAIPLA")
- Board Member, 2011-2020, LAIPLA
- Co-founder, Los Angeles Chapter of ChIPs
- Co-founder, LAIPLA's Women in IP Committee
- Committee and Executive Committee Member, 2013-Present, USC Gould School of Law's Intellectual Property
- American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Division
- American Intellectual Property Lawyers Association
- The Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Golf League

- Los Angeles County Bar Association

Practices

Intellectual Property

Copyrights

False Advertising, Lanham Act and Unfair Competition

Patent Litigation

Trade Secrets

Post-Grant Proceedings

Industries

Life Sciences

Education

J.D., Loyola Law School, 1999, St. Thomas More Honor Society, Managing Editor, *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review*

M.S., Biological Chemistry, University of California, Irvine, 1994

B.A., Chemistry, Hendrix College, 1991

Clerkships

Externed with the Honorable Stephen V. Wilson of the Central District of California

Admissions

California

District of Columbia

Texas

Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Additional Office

Washington, DC