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OVERVIEW

Sarah focuses her practice on intellectual property litigation. She primarily works on appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, and patent cases before the district courts. She also helps companies respond to third-party subpoena requests.

Sarah has represented clients in disputes relating to utility patents, design patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets. She has experience in a wide range of technical fields, including software, computer hardware, medical devices, consumer products, payment systems, and power grid systems. She has also assisted clients in obtaining patents, copyright registrations, and trademark registrations.

Sarah joined Klarquist in 2016, after clerking for the Honorable Jimmie V. Reyna on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Before her clerkship, Sarah primarily practiced intellectual property litigation. She also assisted clients in obtaining intellectual property protection and prepared software licenses, assignments, and other agreements relating to intellectual property.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Parsons Behle & Latimer | Litigation Associate, 2014 – 2015 | Salt Lake City, Utah
- Workman Nydegger | Litigation Associate, 2011 – 2014 | Salt Lake City, Utah

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, Federal Circuit Bar Association (Patent Appeals Subcommittee Co-Chair, 2023 – 2025)
- Member, Utah Bar Intellectual Property Section (Chair, 2023 – 2024)
- Member, Women Lawyers of Utah
- Member, Oregon Patent Law Association (Treasurer, 2017 – 2021)

EDUCATION

J.D., Harvard Law School, 2011

B.S., *with honors,* Biology, Calvin College, 2008

ADMISSIONS

Washington, 2019

Oregon, 2017

Utah, 2012

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2012 (Reg. No. 70,804)

Michigan, 2011 (inactive)

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon

U.S. District Court for the District of Utah (inactive)

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation

Intellectual Property Counseling

Copyrights

Trademarks

Patents

Post-Grant USPTO Proceedings

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HONORS & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch*, IP Litigation | 2022, 2026
- *IAM Patent 1000*: The World's Leading Patent Professionals | 2024 – 2026
- *Patexia CAFC Intelligence Report,* Top 100 Attorneys | 2025
- *Mountain States Rising Stars in Intellectual Property, Super Lawyers Magazine* | 2014

CLERKSHIPS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit | Law Clerk to Judge Jimmie V. Reyna, 2015 – 2016 | Washington, D.C.

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- "Litigation Strategies and Developments: Key Considerations, Navigating Judges and Forums, & Funding." (2025 Utah Bar IP Summit, moderated panel)
- "Is This IP Suit Too Late? Statutes of Limitations and Related Equitable Doctrines Across IP Law." (Oregon State Bar Intellectual Property Section, 2025)
- "Is This IP Suit Too Late? Statutes of Limitations and Related Equitable Doctrines Across IP Law." (Utah State Bar Intellectual Property Section, 2025)
- "Using a *Phillips* Construction in all PTAB Trials: The Impact on District Court Patent Actions and PTAB Proceedings," 18 Chi. -Kent J. Intell. Prop. 1 (2019) (coauthor)
- "How Websites Can Reduce Their Copyright Infringement Liability for What Users Post," 27 Utah Bar J. 6, 14–17, November/December 2014
- "10 Things Every Business Lawyer Should Know about IP When Advising Clients" (Women Lawyers of Utah, 2013, co-presented)
- "Pong, Patents, and Intellectual Property Protection in the Video Game Industry" (Utah State Bar Intellectual Property Section, 2013, co-presented)

TECHNOLOGY AREAS

Software & Internet Technology

Mechanical

Agriculture & Food Science

Chemical

Consumer Products

Life Sciences & Biotechnology

Medical Devices & Diagnostics

Electrical & Semiconductors