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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.

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, 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 – 2024)
- ▶ 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

- ▶ *The Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch*, Intellectual Property Litigation | 2022
- ▶ *Mountain States Rising Stars in Intellectual Property, Super Lawyers Magazine* | 2014
- ▶ *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals* | 2024

CLERKSHIPS

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

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ "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