



## Melody Drummond Hansen

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Melody Drummond Hansen is an experienced litigator specializing in intellectual property and technology who has tried cases in federal and state courts, the US International Trade Commission, and the US Patent & Trademark Office. She advises leading-edge companies in complex patent, trade secret, computer fraud, data security breach, trademark, copyright, and unfair competition matters. Melody has litigated and advised clients in matters involving diverse technologies including mobile telecommunications standards and devices, consumer electronics, internet content delivery networks, semiconductors, voice recognition, cameras, audio recording devices, secure payment processing, and consumer products, with experience in both hardware and software.

Melody represents plaintiffs and defendants in all aspects of litigation, from pre-filing investigation through fact and expert discovery, claim construction, dispositive motions, trial, appeal, and enforcement, as well as parallel proceedings in the US Patent & Trademark Office.

### Experience

- Represented industry-leading computer and electronics company in a patent infringement case in which sixteen patents were asserted relating to features of smartphones, tablet devices and MP3 players; after successful summary judgment motions then initial trial on three patents, won partial judgment as a matter of law of invalidity that was affirmed on appeal; currently litigating remaining patents (D. Del.)

### Admissions

#### *Bar Admissions*

California

District of Columbia

Illinois

### Education

University of Chicago, J.D.: *cum laude*; Order of the Coif

Oxford University, MSc, Comparative and International Education: with distinction

Georgetown University, A.B., American Studies: *summa cum laude*; John Carroll Scholar; Phi Beta Kappa

- Represented premier global payments technology company in litigation related to a significant data security breach and enforcement of risk-management programs, including claims for breach of contract and under California unfair competition law (M.D. Tenn.)
- Represented innovative semiconductor company in litigation against former employees involving trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties, and breach of covenants not to compete (Collin County, Tex.)
- Represented global communications, hosting, cloud and IT services company in patent infringement lawsuit involving nineteen patents asserted against digital subscriber line (DSL) technologies and high-speed internet, digital television and video-on-demand services (W.D. Tex.)
- Represented industry-leading computer and electronics company in multiple district court and US Patent & Trademark Office matters involving patents related to interactive television and streaming media; successfully argued at IPR proceeding leading to invalidation of majority of challenged claims (N.D. Cal. and U.S.P.T.O)
- Represented leading telecommunications company in patent infringement case involving analog to digital signal conversion and digital signal processing; won early claim construction and stipulated judgment of non-infringement; affirmed on appeal (C.D. Cal.)
- Represented leading internet content delivery company in patent litigation that sought to enjoin client's business; won jury verdict of non-infringement affirmed by the Federal Circuit (E.D. Va.)
- Represented intervener cellular telephone manufacturer in Section 337 investigation before the United States International Trade Commission; obtained favorable initial determination and favorable Federal Circuit decision on appeal that set groundbreaking precedent regarding downstream relief (U.S.I.T.C.)
- Represented respondent semiconductor manufacturer and consumer electronics companies in patent infringement Section 337 investigation, implicating products of over a dozen respondents; resulted in full respondent victory, including determination of no domestic industry, and invalidity or non-infringement of all asserted claims (U.S.I.T.C.)
- Represented defendant consumer products company in trademark infringement and dilution litigation; obtained summary judgment of no liability, and client awarded fees for "exceptional case" (N.D. Ill.)
- Represented defendant consumer products company in false advertising, unfair competition, and defamation litigation; obtained summary judgment of no liability (N.D. Ill.)

## Professional Activities

### Member

- Bar Association of San Francisco Intellectual Property Steering Committee
- American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law
- International Bar Association Intellectual Property Communications and Technology Section

### Co-Author

- "Litigating Under the First-to-File rule," American Intellectual Property Law Association conference (2006)

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## Honors & Awards

- Recommended by *Legal 500* for her work in Intellectual property - Trade secrets (2017)