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FOCUS AREAS

Biotech
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Life Sciences
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Medical Devices
Patent Litigation

EXPERIENCE

Shannon P. Gillespie McComb is an associate in the San Francisco office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where she focuses her practice on intellectual property litigation in technology-driven disputes and pharmaceutical patent matters, including patent litigation in U.S. district courts and the U.S. International Trade Commission, disputes in front of the Patent Trial and Appeals Board, and trade secret disputes. Her diverse background in biomedical engineering provides her with a unique ability to understand and litigate complex patent issues, particularly those involving cutting-edge technologies including computer network systems, food technology, cybersecurity, pharmaceutical, and biotechnological innovations.

Prior to joining the firm, Shannon was an associate at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, where she successfully represented top-tier technology and biotech companies in high-stakes patent disputes. Her technical proficiency, combined with her meticulous legal analysis, have been critical in securing favorable outcomes for clients, particularly in cases involving the International Trade Commission (ITC), patent litigation in Germany, and complex PTAB challenges.

Shannon's legal experience is complemented by her strong commitment to pro bono work, where she has provided valuable IP consulting to minority small businesses and contributed to significant civil rights cases. She also brings a global perspective to her practice, having studied international IP transactions in Germany and conducted coursework in physics at the University of Leeds in the UK.

Shannon earned her J.D. from the University of California, Hastings, now known as University of California, College of the Law, San Francisco. She served as a patent law clerk with the Google Summer Legal Institute and as a judicial extern for the Honorable Justice Goodwin Liu of the California Supreme Court. She was recognized with several prestigious awards for her academic and pro bono contributions, including being inducted as a Tony Patiño Fellow and awarded the Wiley W. Manuel Award.

Shannon is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) and is admitted to practice in California and the District of Columbia.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., University of California College of the Law, San Francisco
Tony Patiño Fellow; Executive Managing Editor and Staff Editor; Hastings Environmental Law Journal; Lefkowitz Trademark Moot Court Team; Mediation Clinic; California Lawyers Association Wiley W. Manuel Award
- Coursework in international IP transactions, Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany
- B.S., Biomedical Engineering-Biomaterials Concentration, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Coursework in physics, University of Leeds, United Kingdom, 2015

Associations and Memberships

- Member, SFIPLA Organization

Admissions

- Bar of the District of Columbia
- State Bar of California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

MATTERS

Select Representations

- Amicus co-counsel with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court advocating for the availability of *Bivens* claims for First and Fourth Amendment violations. *Egbert v. Boule*, No. 21-147*

* Denotes experience at another firm prior to joining Wilson Sonsini.

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- Co-author, "Milk Vitamin Patents Surprisingly Soured by Section 101," *Law360*, January 7, 2022