

Aylissa M. Ritterhoff

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OVERVIEW

Aylissa Ritterhoff concentrates her practice in the area of intellectual property, particularly in the fields of trademark law and copyright law. She provides strategic advice on an array of issues with a focus on trademark clearance, prosecution, and litigation, and prospective copyright litigation. In addition to this work, Aylissa advises on intellectual property assets and considerations in complex commercial transactions. Specifically, Aylissa has experience with domain names, ownership, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and generative AI issues in mergers and acquisitions.

Aylissa routinely reviews and analyzes trademark clearance searches for clients seeking federal and foreign trademark registration. She counsels on the management of clients' global trademark portfolios including filings, prosecution, and maintenance. Aylissa advises on proper trademark usage and reviews and clears marketing and advertising materials for clients in a variety of industries including fashion, beauty, consumer products, food and beverage, technology, and medical devices. She regularly handles trademark prosecution at the US Patent and Trademark Office, and litigation before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Aylissa served as a 2021 and 2022 Summer Associate and Law Clerk at K&L Gates where she acquired foundational skills beneficial to her current practice. During law school, Aylissa served as a Submissions Editor for the Journal of Intellectual Property and received a CALI Award in Trademarks and Unfair Competition.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- The National Black Lawyers: Top 40 Under 40, 2026

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Commitee Chair, Chicago Bar Association YLS Women in Law Committee
- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, *Small Business Matters: Legal Basics & Business Branding* sponsored by Wells Fargo, National Urban League Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, August 2026
- Panelist, *Women In Intellectual Property Law Panel* for CBA Young Lawyers Section, February 2026
- Panelist, *CDEP Annual International Symposium on Digital Ethics* at Loyola University Chicago, March 2025
- Moderator, *Dobbs Revisited: A Current Examination of the Decision's Impacts*, December 2024
- Panelist, *Careers in the Legal Field Panel for Dominican University Students*, November 2024

EDUCATION

- J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, 2023 *(cum laude; Journal of Intellectual Property, Submissions Editor; Kent Legal Scholar; The Role of State Attorneys General; CALI Award, Trademarks and Unfair Competition, CALI Award)*
- B.A., Loyola University - Chicago, 2019 *(Film and Digital Media Studies)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Illinois

NEWS & EVENTS

- 7 November 2025, K&L Gates Advises Carousel Capital on Recapitalization of CraneWorks
- 25 July 2024, K&L Gates Advises National Arbitration & Media Holdings, LLC on Investment in Alternative Dispute Resolution Business

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management