

Anna Shabalov

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OVERVIEW

Anna Shabalov is a partner in the firm's Pittsburgh office. Anna concentrates her practice on intellectual property litigation, including patent, trademark and copyright infringement, unfair competition, false advertising, and trade secret misappropriation. She has been involved with various aspects of litigation, including preliminary injunction briefing, fact and expert discovery, depositions, summary judgment, trial preparation, settlement, and appeal. Anna has litigated cases in state courts and in federal district and circuit courts, and has experience with litigation in the European Union.

In addition to her litigation practice, Anna also counsels clients on licensing, non-competition agreements, copyright registration, and trademark clearance, registration, maintenance, and prosecution issues. She also litigates trademark opposition and cancellation proceedings before the US Patent and Trademark Office. Anna has represented clients in the entertainment, music, education, software, industrial, consumer goods and non-profit sectors.

Anna's pro bono practice includes intellectual property counseling and Section 1983 cases. She also is on the Board of Managers for the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association (PIPLA) and an active member of the Q. Todd Dickinson Intellectual Property American Inn of Court.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Copyright Law and Trademark Law in Pittsburgh, 2025
- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® *in America* for Litigation - Intellectual Property in Pittsburgh, 2023-2024

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member of the K&L Gates Pittsburgh Diversity Committee and Recruiting Committee
- Board of Managers, Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association (PIPLA)
- Associate, Intellectual Property Inn of Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

- Board of Directors, Attack Theatre
- Board of Directors, Family Promise of Southwestern Pennsylvania
- Leadership Pittsburgh Inc. Leadership Development Initiative Class of XXVII

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- K&L Gates GC University: Ethical Engagements, November 2018
- Protecting Yourself and Your Work: Legal Considerations for Filmmakers, 3 Rivers Screenwriters Conference, May 2017

EDUCATION

- J.D., Yale Law School, 2013 *(Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics, Executive Editor)*
- B.A., Harvard University, 2010 *(summa cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

LANGUAGES

- Russian

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 25 May 2017, Supreme Court Restricts Where Plaintiffs Can Sue for Patent Infringement
- 23 March 2017, Supreme Court Eliminates Laches Defense in Patent Cases

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “The Expert in Defamation Cases” Chapter, Expert Witness Answer Book; Practising Law Institute; 2019

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 June 2026, K&L Gates IP Practice and Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Edition of IAM Patent 1000
- 21 August 2025, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Recognized Among 2026 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 16 May 2023, Women in Manufacturing: Navigating 2023 Disruptors
- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 1 March 2022, K&L Gates Names Nearly 40 New Partners, Of Counsel, and Government Affairs Advisors Across Firm

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- "Security Firm Granted Response Deadline Extension In False Advertising Lawsuit," *Mealey's IP/Tech*, 8 December 2020

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Litigation
- Appellate Litigation
- Commercial Disputes
- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- Technology Transactions and Sourcing
- Trade Secrets Litigation

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented Fortune 500 company in obtaining successful settlement of trade secret misappropriation case against direct competitor in matter involving government contracts.
- Represented medical device start-up in breach of contract and implied covenant case against acquirer.
- Counsel for a major state university in a confidential mediation that resulted in the largest one time payment for technology transfer in its history.
- Represented software company in obtaining successful settlement of Lanham Act false advertising / commercial disparagement lawsuit brought against commercial website, after obtaining favorable motion to dismiss ruling on CDA Section 230 immunity issues.

- Represents major public research university in district court litigation and related IPR involving patented technology for computer hard drives.
- Represents software company in connection with false advertising claims against competitor; obtained Ninth Circuit reversal of CDA Section 230 immunity dismissal by district court.
- Represented major state university in district court litigation asserting a patent directed to the efficient use of network bandwidth over the Internet.
- Represented a leading provider of information security awareness and training software in obtaining successful settlement of a multi-patent infringement case brought by a direct competitor.
- Represents private university in district court litigation asserting patents relating to digital signal processing for computer hard drives.
- Represented major state university in defense of an inventorship claim; won two motions to dismiss.