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Michelle Kahn is a partner in the Intellectual Property, Corporate and Business Trial Practice Groups of the firm's San Francisco and San Diego (Del Mar) offices. She is a member of the firm's Compensation Committee.

Areas of Practice

Michelle focuses on all aspects of trademark and copyright law. Her practice includes clearance and counseling on the adoption of trademarks domestically and worldwide, global strategic branding support, prosecution of trademark applications in the U.S. and internationally, domestic and international enforcement of trademarks, trademark and copyright litigation, trademark licensing and copyright counseling. Michelle manages the worldwide protection and enforcement of her clients' intellectual property portfolios using a large network of foreign associates. She designs long-term strategies for securing and maintaining maximum protection and value for clients' intellectual property assets.

Michelle has extensive experience in the federal courts, in contested proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and in matters pending before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. She has longstanding experience in the resolution of internet-related disputes and in the supervision and management of large trademark portfolios for clients in a broad range of industries, including those of Intel Corporation, Intuitive Surgical, Varian Associates, Inc., Thoratec Corporation and Bare Escentuals, Inc.

Michelle's experience includes corporate and transactional matters, including the negotiation and preparation of intellectual property and licensing agreements, as well as conducting intellectual property due diligence in the context of mergers and acquisitions.

Honors

Leading Trademark Practitioner in California, *World Trademark Review 1000*, 2021-2024

Best Lawyers in America - Trademark Law, *Best Lawyers*, 2021-2024

Recommended Lawyer - Intellectual Property, *Law 500*, 2019

Media Mentions

From East to West, Big Law Comes Out for Pride *The American Lawyer*, 06.23.2017

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Memberships

Member, California State Bar Association

Member, International Trademark Association (INTA)

Member, Copyright Society (CS)

Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)

Member, Intellectual Property and Litigation Sections, American Bar Association

Member, Intellectual Property and Litigation Sections, California Bar Association

Member, Intellectual Property and Litigation Sections, San Francisco Bar Association

Practices

Intellectual Property

Copyrights

False Advertising, Lanham Act and Unfair Competition

IP Licensing, Technology and Commercial Transactions

Trade Secrets

Trademark Applications and Prosecution

Trademarks and Trade Dress

Litigation

ESG and Sustainability

Industries

Cannabis

ESG and Sustainability

Food and Beverage

Life Sciences

Education

J.D., University of San Francisco, 1986, summa cum laude

B.A., University of California, San Diego, 1982, summa cum laude

Additional Office

San Diego (Del Mar)