

Laura Burson Named Among Daily Journal's Top IP Lawyers in California

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Partner Laura Burson was named as one of the "Top IP Lawyers" in California by the *Daily Journal*. Burson was noted for securing "what is generally recognized as the largest patent infringement award—\$130 million and rising—against the U.S. government" for client SecurityPoint Media.

The invention in question is a patented method of moving and processing the ubiquitous bins or trays with carts in familiar use at airport security screening checkpoints around the country. Developed to deal with the chaos at checkpoints as new pockets-empty, shoes-off rules were imposed following 9/11, the method was a success. According to Burson, "My client presented the invention to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to implement and license. TSA implemented the system but did not license it, making my client entitled to reasonable compensation." When no compensation was forthcoming, the patent holder sued in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

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