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Linda Odom focuses her practice on the representation of financial institutions, hospitals, trade associations, manufacturers and small to mid-size technology companies in licensing, software development, data processing outsourcing, intellectual property and e-commerce matters and related litigation. Ms. Odom also represents clients in intellectual property infringement cases brought under Section 337 of the Tariff Act at the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Representative practice areas:

Outsourcing – advises financial institutions, hospitals, trade associations and others on bid-seeking, negotiation, restructuring and termination of data processing and IT services outsourcing agreements.

International distribution – assists companies in the computer software, telecommunications hardware, personal products and other manufacturing industries with establishing and maintaining international distribution networks.

Section 337 litigation – represents clients in Section 337 investigations at the U.S. International Trade Commission that involve allegations of patent infringement, trade secret misappropriation or other

Practices

- Licensing & IP Transactions
- Intellectual Property
- International
- Section 337 Litigation

Education

- LL.M., *With Distinction*, Georgetown University Law Center, 1990
- J.D., University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, 1987; Herbert Herff Law Scholar; Law Review; Moot Court; Shelby County Circuit Court, Judicial Law Clerk
- Diploma in Advanced International Legal Studies, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, Salzburg, Austria, 1987
- B.A., Rhodes College, 1984

Bar & Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 1995
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1995
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 1994
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia, 1993

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unfair competition matters.

Software Licensing – drafts and negotiates software license agreements and settlement agreements with licensing components for a variety of clients across numerous industries including pharmaceutical, timber, banking and manufacturing industries.

M&A IP Due Diligence – conducts intellectual property due diligence in connection with mergers and acquisitions.

E-commerce – represents web-based service providers, including the negotiation of the technology agreements for the world's second Internet-only bank. Also advises traditional companies on their web site development agreements, privacy policies, user agreements and web site legal disclaimers.

Standards Setting – advises technical standards setting organizations on their intellectual property policies.

Biotech – negotiates licensing, consulting and development agreements for biotech companies.

Technology agreement review programs – assists clients in developing or improving in-house programs for the review and negotiation of technology agreements.

Intellectual property audits – conducts limited and comprehensive intellectual property audits for manufacturing and service-based companies.

Prior to becoming associated with the firm, Ms. Odom was an Investigative Attorney in the Office of Unfair Import Investigations at the U.S. International Trade Commission. As an Investigative Attorney, Ms. Odom participated in trials at the U.S. International Trade Commission under section 337 of the Tariff Act. Ms. Odom's Section 337 cases typically involved allegations

- Georgia, 1993
- District of Columbia, 1990
- Tennessee, 1987

Memberships

- Bleckley American Inn of Court, Barrister, 1994-1995
- ITC Trial Lawyers Association, Executive Committee Member, 2004-2006 & 2008-present
- ITC Trial Lawyers Association Newsletter, ALJ Orders section, Editor, 2004-present

Publications

Fact v. Fiction: A Survey of the Distinction's Impact on Copyright Infringement Claims, 18 M.S.U.L. REV. 99, 18 MPSSULR 99, Westlaw, 1987. (First Place - Nathan Burkan Memorial ASCAP Writing Competition - Humphreys School of Law)

Civil Rights: Statutes of Limitations for Section 1983 Actions, A Definitive Answer in Wilson v. Garcia?, 17 M.S.U.L. REV. 127, 1986. (Cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in 487 U.S. 131, 1988)

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of patent, trademark or copyright infringement by domestic companies against foreign manufacturers. Prior to joining the International Trade Commission, Ms. Odom was in private practice in Memphis, Tennessee.