

PATENT, COPYRIGHT & TRADEMARK MATTERS



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Jill M. Browning joined the firm in 1996 and became the first woman partner in 2001. She is currently a managing partner of G&B and a co-chair of the litigation group, focusing on Contested Matters before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (AIA proceedings as well as ex parte reexaminations) and district court litigation.

Jill has significant experience representing clients in all phases of patent disputes, and understands the importance of thinking outside the box to find common ground and reach amicable solutions to disputes when possible. And, when that is not possible, Jill is comfortable advancing the case to trial, whether before the PTAB, a judge or a jury.

She routinely represents patent owners or petitioners before the PTAB or in district court, and also advises clients on international portfolios and due diligence matters. Jill counsels clients with respect to FTO opinions, patentability analysis and also prepares and negotiates license and collaboration agreements.

Jill is also the head of the Trademark Department and handles district court trademark actions as well as oversees the trademark prosecution and opposition practice.

Before joining the firm, Jill was a law clerk with the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Rocket Docket").

Notable

- Co-Managing Partner of Firm
- Lead and back up lead counsel in multiple interference proceedings and post-grant patent proceedings.
- First and Second Chair jury and non-jury trial experience;
- Argued multiple appeals to the U.S. PTO Patent Trial and Appeal Board;
- Travels extensively throughout Europe

Named Virginia Super Lawyer from 2022-2025

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law, 1993
- University of Virginia, BA Chemistry, with a specialization in biochemistry, 1988

Bar Admissions

- 1993, Virginia
- 1996, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Courts

- Supreme Court of Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Practice Groups

- Post-Grant Patent Group
- PTO Petitions, Appeals & Special Procedures
- Litigation and Trial

