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Professional Overview

Margie Aoki collaborates with clients to develop strategies to protect their intellectual property, working closely with inventors to craft robust utility and design patent applications that highlight the client's innovations. During examination, Margie encourages open communication with patent examiners to find the most efficient path towards allowance.

Margie's experience extends to freedom-to-operate and validity opinions, design-around strategies, and due diligence for portfolio acquisitions. Her pragmatic approach to the review of third-party patent assets provides a deliverable that compliments the business considerations of the client.

Margie advises clients on technologies related to food processing equipment, tools and machinery, heavy duty vehicles, alternative and clean energy, surveillance equipment, mobility support devices, consumer products, medical devices, pharmaceutical dispensing, cable connection and repair systems, and spacecraft systems.

Margie is named to Intellectual Asset Management's *IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Professionals* and to the list of *Best Lawyers in America*.

Education

- J.D., *cum laude*, Seattle University School of Law, 2005
- B.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1999

Professional Experience

- Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness^{PLLC}
Seattle, WA, 2003 – 2019 and 2022 – present



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- Polsinelli PC
Seattle, WA, 2019 - 2022

Technical Experience

- Systems Sustaining Engineer
Intel Corporation
- Staff Engineering Intern
Kimberly-Clark

Bar & Court Admissions

- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Washington State Bar

Professional Affiliations

- Institute of Food Technologists
- Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO)
- Licensing Executives Society
- Prison Pet Partnership Program, Volunteer
- Washington State Patent Law Association

Presentations & Publications

Presentations

- "Design Patents: The Secret Weapon Webinar Series," United States Patent and Trademark Office/Intellectual Property Owners Association/Polsinelli; moderator (Seattle, WA, June 2021).
- "Intellectual Property: From Fundamentals to Enforcement," Seattle University School of Law, Summer Practice Academy (Seattle, WA, July 2017).
- "IP Basics: Considerations for Innovators - Agreements," Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness (Seattle, WA, November 2015).
- "Patent Reform: Now What?" King County Bar Association, CLE program (Seattle, WA, May 2013).
- "Patent Reform: Now What?" Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness (Seattle, WA, April 2013).



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- "Patent Law Reform Update 2011 – Other Significant Developments," Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness (Seattle, WA, September 2011).

Publications

- Quote, " Wish Upon a Star: Experts Share Their Wildest IP Dreams for 2021,"
IP Watchdog, January 2021.