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Gwen helps clients protect their intellectual property. She leads lean teams that consistently deliver outsized results in every aspect of IP litigation and asset management.

OVERVIEW

Gwen works with companies to identify, manage, and assert their key intellectual property assets, including trade secrets and patents. Understanding that a trial is rarely the goal, her approach combines strategic prosecution and portfolio management with forward-thinking positioning to help drive optimal outcomes. She has obtained millions of dollars in damages for her patent-owner clients and secured injunctions to prevent competitors from using their technologies. She has also successfully defended companies accused of patent infringement, both in court and in securing low-dollar settlements.

As co-chair of the firm's Corporate Espionage Response Team, Gwen leads a multidisciplinary group of attorneys with extensive experience regarding corporate espionage matters. Together with a team of attorneys and technical experts, they leverage their deep experience with digital forensic investigations to ensure that clients' matters are handled using the most cutting-edge forensic technology available. Gwen and her team handle these matters throughout the United States.

As a mechanical engineer, Gwen applies a thorough understanding of technology and the law to help clients unlock the full potential of their innovations. She is particularly experienced in medical devices, semiconductors, image sensors, and software, and works well with her clients' research and development teams. Gwen excels at simplifying and explaining the most complex innovations to decision-makers and arbiters, including judges and juries.

Gwen's proven track record includes securing favorable settlements and verdicts in the International Trade Commission (ITC), district courts, and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. She has achieved favorable decisions for her clients at the Federal Circuit, including the affirmance of district court injunctions and obtaining rare reversals of Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) decisions.

Gwen is a sought-after speaker and author on IP issues. She frequently speaks, including at the Federal Circuit Bar Association's Bench and Bar Conference and the International Association of Defense Counsel, and has published numerous articles on topics such as the impact of non-patent Supreme Court decisions on the ITC and PTAB, autonomous vehicles, and process patents at the ITC.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented a trademark owner in high stakes federal litigation against a national food producer over a core advertising slogan, resulting in a jury finding of willful infringement and a damages award of \$39.8 million.
- Defended a designer and manufacturer of GPS products against claims of patent infringement, resulting in a \$0 walk-away settlement.
- Obtained a favorable jury verdict on behalf of a startup and a university against a large foreign company, including finding of willful infringement, injunctions, change of inventorship of patents filed by the foreign company, and transfer of ownership of patents as a contract remedy.
- Represented the complainant in several Section 337 ITC investigations involving semiconductor design; investigations terminated on favorable settlements.
- Obtained a finding of violation on behalf of the complainant in a Section 337 initial determination before an ITC administrative law judge in an investigation involving imaging devices.
- Represented a university and a startup as patent owners in several *inter partes* review proceedings, in which the Patent Trial and Appeal Board found several claims not invalid.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch: Litigation – Intellectual Property* (2025)
- *IAM Patent 1000: Individuals: Litigation: Bronze* (2023-2025)
- *New England Legal Awards: “New Leaders in the Law”* (2024)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Appellate + Supreme Court
- ITC Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Patent Litigation

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Academic + Research Institutions
- Appellate + Supreme Court
- Corporate Espionage Response Team
- ITC Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Patent Litigation

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Vice-chair, Next Gen Committee, Federal Circuit Bar Association (2024-2027)
- Member, Boston Patent Law Association
- Member, International Trade Commission Trial Lawyers’ Association
- Intern, Chief Judge Rader, Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- The George Washington University Law School, J.D., 2012
- The George Washington University, B.S., *cum laude*, 2009, mechanical engineering and patent law

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts
- Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Selling to Uncle Sam: Practical Strategies for Startups to Land Contracts and Grants," Troutman Pepper Locke, May 27, 2026.
- Moderator, "Navigating The Federal Circuit's Rules of Practice," Federal Circuit Bar Association, March 18, 2026.
- Speaker, "Damages Decoded: How Receiving and Losing Trade Secrets Can Cost Your Company Millions," Troutman Pepper Locke Webinar, January 21, 2026.
- Speaker, "Practical Steps for Protecting Trade Secrets," Troutman Pepper Locke Webinar, August 26, 2025.
- Speaker, "Exploring Intellectual Property Challenges: Strategic Choices, Litigation & Prosecution," On24, October 30, 2024.
- Speaker, "Practice before the International Trade Commission," International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) – 2024 Midyear Meeting, February 20, 2024.
- Speaker, "The Role and Representation of Women in Intellectual Property Law," Federal Circuit Bench and Bar Conference, 2023.
- Panelist, "When the CEO Calls – Part II," Troutman Pepper CLE Webinar, September 29, 2022.
- Faculty, "How to Identify and Handle Intellectual Property Issues," MCLE, November 13, 2018.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Bankruptcy Setbacks Offer a Chance for Strategic Success in IP," *Bloomberg Law*, March 24, 2026.
- Co-author, "ITC Probes on the Rise but Gender Parity Lags Behind," *World IP Review*, October 1, 2025.
- Co-author, "The Top Five Challenges of Pursuing Litigation at the ITC," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, May 20, 2025. Republished in *IP Litigator*, July 1, 2025.
- Co-author, "Women at the ITC in 2023: What This Year's Data Shows," *IPWatchdog*, April 2, 2024.
- Co-author, "How High Court SEC Case Could Affect the ITC," *Law360*, February 16, 2024.
- Co-author, "The Federal Circuit Could Make the ITC a More Appealing Forum," *IPWatchdog*, January 30, 2024.
- Co-author, "Obvious Over What? LKQ's En Banc Petition Threatens to Turn Test for Design Patent

Obviousness on its Head,” *IPWatchdog*, May 16, 2023.

- Co-author, “A Study on the Representation of Women at the International Trade Commission,” *IPWatchdog*, March 27, 2023.
- Co-author, “Is an Autonomous Vehicle Patent War Revving Up?,” *IPWatchdog*, October 14, 2022.
- Co-author, “The Power of Process Patents at the International Trade Commission,” *Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal*, April 2022.
- Co-author, “Litigation Redesigns at the ITC,” *IP Strategist*, March 2022.
- Author, “High Court TransUnion Ruling May Enhance PTAB Autonomy,” *Law360*, August 26, 2021.
- Co-author, “Protecting Trade Secrets: Lessons Learned From the Levandowski Case,” *Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal*, January 2021.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Quoted, “Attorneys Chastened By Fed. Circ.’s ITC Mixed Deadline Ruling,” *Law360*, January 12, 2026.
- Quoted, “More ITC Patent Cases Expected After Fed. Circ. ‘Sea Change’,” *Law360*, March 11, 2025.
- Quoted, “Think Big: Tell Us Your Wildest New Year Dreams for IP,” *IPWatchdog*, January 1, 2024.
- Quoted, “Barrett’s Textualist Focus Offers Few Clues on IP Approach,” *Law360*, October 1, 2020.