

CHRISTINE LEBRÓN-DYKEMAN

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

McKee, Voorhees & Sease P.L.C., Trademark Department Chair, Des Moines, Iowa
Equity Partner 2005-present, Associate 2002-2005

- First or Second Chair Attorney in trademark/trade dress infringement, trade secret, patent infringement, unfair competition, false advertising, counterfeiting, cybersquatting, and breach of contract cases before state and federal district courts.
- First Chair Attorney in opposition and cancellation proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, and domain name disputes through ICANN arbitration proceedings.
- Successfully argued appeals before the Federal, Seventh, and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals.
- Participate in all phases of litigation, including paper discovery, depositions, motions, expert witnesses, trial witness testimony, jury instructions, and mediation.
- Assist clients in developing, managing and protecting their United States and international trademark portfolios, including performing trademark searching, prosecuting trademark applications, and rendering due diligence opinions in the fields of agriculture, arts and entertainment, apparel, consumer electronics, banking, education and educational testing, food and beverage, personal care products, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology.
- Negotiate, review and prepare IP licenses, assignments, joint development, ownership, concurrent use, noncompetition, nondisclosure and other business agreements.

Associate, Morrison & Foerster LLP, San Francisco, California, 1999-2002

- Assist with trademark searching and prosecution of United States trademark applications.
- Associate counsel on a variety of business litigation cases involving antitrust, unfair competition, trademark infringement, false advertising, and domain name disputes.

Law Clerk, United States District Judge Robert W. Pratt, Des Moines, Iowa, 1997-1999

- Researched and wrote pre-argument memoranda and prepared drafted opinions on a variety of issues, including patent, antitrust, employment, contracts and civil rights.

TEACHING AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Adjunct Trademark Law Professor, Drake University, 2016-Present
- Adjunct Trademark Law Professor, University of Iowa College of Law, Fall 2014
- Head Coach, Drake Law School Intellectual Property Moot Court Team, 2011-2017
- Iowa Legal Aid Foundation Board Member and Member of Equal Justice After Hours Committee, 2012-Present

EDUCATION

University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, Iowa
Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts

J.D., Distinction, 1996
A.B., 1991

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts 1996; Iowa 1998; California 2000

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Ironman® Triathlon; Marathon; Cooking/Baking; Travel

Illustrative Cases

- *Noah's, Inc. v. Noah Corp.*, Opposition No. 91223629 (TTAB 2015) (First Chair attorney representing Noah's Inc. in opposition proceeding before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board; successfully opposed Noah Corporation's trademark application).
- *F.B.T. Enterprises et. al. v. West Worldwide Services, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 2:14-CV-085-LRS (E.D. Wash. 2014) (Second Chair attorney representing West Worldwide in an alleged trade dress infringement/trade secret misappropriation case; case ongoing).
- *SHI R2 Soutions, Inc. d/b/a Deimco, Finishing Equipment v. Pella Corp.*, Civil Action No. LACV005839 (Iowa District Court for Tama County 2008) (Second Chair attorney representing Deimco in a trade secret case. Case resolved by favorable settlement shortly before trial.)
- *Brandt v. Harvest Int'l*, Civil Action No. 5:15-CV-4049 (N.D. Iowa 2014) (Co-chair attorney representing Harvest Int'l in a patent and trade dress infringement case; Case resolved by settlement after favorable Markman Claim Construction decision.)
- *Unity Health Plans Ins. Co. v. Iowa Health System, d/b/a UnityPoint Health*, Civil Action No 13-CV-845 (W.D. Wis. 2014) (First Chair attorney representing Iowa Health System in an alleged trademark infringement case. Case resolved by favorable settlement shortly before trial.)
- *Hyundai Motor America v. Root Four Imagination, Inc.*, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, Opposition No. 91201704 (T.T.A.B. 2011) (First Chair attorney representing Root Four Imagination in an opposition proceeding. Successfully settled the litigation whereby Hyundai withdrew the opposition, allowing Root Four's BLUEDRIVER trademark to obtain registration.)
- *Louis J. Scorpiniti v. Fox Television Studios, Inc. ("FTVS")*, Civil Action No. 1:11-cv-00064-LRR (N.D. Iowa 2011) (First Chair attorney representing FTVS in an alleged trademark infringement case. Successfully obtained summary judgment against the plaintiff on all claims and cancelled the plaintiff's asserted trademark.)
- *BASIS International Ltd. v. Research In Motion Limited ("RIM Canada") and Research In Motion Corporation ("RIM USA")*, Civil Action No. 1:11-cv-00953 (D. N.Mex. 2011) (Second Chair attorney representing Basis in a trademark infringement, federal unfair competition and false designation of origin and common law trademark infringement and unfair competition case. Case resolved by settlement after we obtained a temporary restraining order against RIM USA.)
- *ESM Technologies, Inc. v. BiOva, LLC and Matthew Stegenga*, Civil Action No. 6:10-cv-03009-RED (W.D. Mo. 2010) (Second chair attorney representing defendants in a patent infringement, breach of contract, trade secret misappropriation, unfair competition, tortious interference, unjust enrichment and civil conspiracy case. Case resolved by settlement.)
- *Sam's Riverside v. Intercon Solutions, et. al.*, Civil Action No. 4:09-CV-00020-RP-RAW (S.D. Iowa 2009) (Second Chair attorney representing defendants in an alleged trademark infringement/ cybersquatting lawsuit. Successfully obtain summary judgment against plaintiff on all claims.)
- *Jarritos Inc. v. Los Jarritos, et. al.*, 345 Fed. Appx. 215 (9th Cir. 2009) (First Chair attorney representing Jarritos in a trademark infringement appeal. Case settled favorably after a successful reversal of the District Court's summary judgment holding.)
- *Community State Bank, N.A. v. Community State Bank*, 758 N.W.2d 520 (Iowa 2008) (Second Chair attorney representing the plaintiff in a common law trademark infringement and unfair competition case. Successfully obtained permanent injunctive relief against the defendant.)
- *Hicklin Engineering, L.C. v. Bartell*, 439 F.3d 346 (7th Cir. 2006) (Second Chair attorney representing Hicklin in an effort to protect its trade secrets. Case settled favorably after a successful reversal of the District Court's summary judgment holding.)
- *Overlap v. Wachovia Securities*, Civil Action No. 04-0010-CV-W-DW (W.D. Mo. 2005) (Second Chair attorney representing Wachovia in an alleged trademark infringement and breach of contract lawsuit. Case resolved by settlement shortly before trial.)

Illustrative Cases Continued

- *Advanta USA v. Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc.*, Civil Action No. 04-C-0238-S (W.D. Wis. 2004) (Second Chair attorney representing Pioneer in an effort to protect trade secret rights in corn genetics. Case settled favorably during trial just prior to closing arguments.)
- *Raber v. Kelgren*, 2003 WL 22889400 (Fed. Cir. 2003) (First Chair attorney representing Kelgren in a cancellation proceeding. Case terminated after successful appeal upholding the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board's decision denying cancellation.)
- *Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. v. Ottawa Plant Food, Inc.*, 283 F.Supp.2d 1018 (N.D. Iowa 2003) (Second Chair attorney representing Pioneer in a patent infringement suit relating to seed genetics. Case settled after we obtained a favorable ruling on summary judgment relating to the enforceability of the limited label license.)
- *Wells' Dairy Inc. v. Nestle Ice Cream Co.*, Civil Action No. C02-4034DEO (N.D. Iowa 2002) (Second Chair attorney representing Wells in a trademark infringement suit. Case resolved by favorable settlement before trial.)