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Overview

Liz Ranks is a litigation principal experienced in patent litigation, as well as trademark, trade secret, copyright, and commercial litigation, both in U.S. District Courts and at the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Liz has participated in trials in U.S. District Court and at the ITC. She also has experience in arbitration hearings, mediation sessions, and hearings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. Liz's patent litigation work has included a variety of technologies, from network switches to oscilloscopes, digital cameras, and software.

Liz brings passion and dedication to every part of every case she works on, whether she is drafting pleadings, drafting fact discovery requests and responses, taking and preparing for depositions, working with experts, drafting dispositive motions, or preparing for trial. Liz uses her excellent communication and organizational skills to keep cases moving in the right direction.

Prior to joining Fish & Richardson, Liz was a Judicial Extern to the Honorable Judge William G. Young of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Prior to law school, Liz worked as a biochemist, identifying novel gene mutations and studying glucose transport systems. Liz also worked for a medical device manufacturer, where she provided technical support for a wide range of products, including advanced multiplexing robotic assay systems.

Recognitions & awards

Ones to Watch

Best Lawyers 2023-2025

Pro Bono Champion Award

Northeast Legal Aid 2023

Professional associations

Boston Bar Association

ChIPs

Pro bono activities

Liz is passionate about her pro bono work. She regularly participates in the Lawyer for the Day program, where she provides legal advice and assistance to tenants facing eviction. In other pro bono work, Liz has obtained favorable settlements for her clients in cases involving ERISA retirement violations, reversal of denial of unemployment benefits for a client undergoing treatment for cancer, and settlement of malpractice claims for a veteran. She also serves as the pro bono coordinating attorney for Fish's Boston office. In 2023, Northeast Legal Aid named Liz a Pro Bono Champion.

Named to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Pro Bono Honor Roll for providing 50 or more pro bono hours in a single year (2019-2021, 2023).

Organizations

- Northeast Legal Aid
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Insights

IP Law Essentials | May 29, 2024

ITC Litigation: Introduction to Trade Secret Protection at the ITC

Blog | January 24, 2018

Massachusetts Patent Litigation Wrap Up — December 2017

News

November 4, 2024

11 Fish & Richardson Attorneys Named to Pro Bono Honor Roll by Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

August 15, 2024

101 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2025 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

August 17, 2023

101 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2024 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

July 12, 2023

Medical Device Verdict Secured by Fish & Richardson Team Ranked in the Top 25 in *ALMs* List of 2022 Northeast Top Verdicts & Settlements

January 3, 2023

Fish & Richardson Elevates 15 Attorneys to Principal in Class Distinguished by Diversity of Background and Experience

October 27, 2022

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Names 15 Fish Attorneys to Pro Bono Honor Roll

August 22, 2022

96 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2023 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

July 13, 2022

ITC Affirms Favorable Outcome for Fish & Richardson Client Quectel

April 20, 2022

Fish & Richardson Obtains Favorable Initial Determination at ITC for Client Quectel

October 21, 2021

Fish & Richardson Secures Rare Win in ITC Trade Secrets Case

Additional insights

Publications

- "Patent damages & lost profits," *Daily Journal* (June 2017)

"The ITC as an Essential Tool in the IP Enforcement Toolkit," *Advanced Trademark Law Annual Review* (2016)

- Ranks (nee Hinman) et al., “Spectrum of ALMS1 Variants and Evaluation of Genotype-Phenotype Correlations in Alström Syndrome,” J. Hum. Mutat. 11:1114-23 (2007)
 - Ranks (nee Hinman) et al., “Porcine co-culture model of the blood-brain barrier,” FASEB J. 17:A75 (2003)
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Services

Trademark, Copyright & Media Litigation

Trade Secret Litigation

Litigation

Patent Litigation

Post-Grant

Patent

Privacy & Data Security

Industries

Digital Health

Medical Devices

Biotech & Diagnostics

Academic Research & Medical Centers

Life Sciences

Admissions

Massachusetts (2015)

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts (2016)

Education

J.D. *magna cum laude*, University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law (2015) 2015 ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in IP Law, Franklin Pierce Certificate in Intellectual Property. Managing Editor, IDEA: *The Intellectual Property Review*

B.S., Biological Chemistry, University of New Hampshire (2004) Research Fellow: Transporting Across the Blood-Brain Barrier