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Overview

About Liz

Liz Ranks is a litigation associate experienced in patent litigation, as well as trademark, trade secret, copyright, and commercial litigation. Ms. Ranks has participated in trials in U.S. District Court and at the International Trade Commission. She also has experience in arbitration hearings, mediation sessions, and hearings before the PTAB. Ms. Ranks' patent litigation work has included a variety of technology, from network switches to oscilloscopes, digital cameras, and software. Ms. Ranks 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 of and preparing for depositions, working with experts, drafting dispositive motions, or preparing for trial. Ms. Ranks uses her excellent communication and organizational skills to keep cases moving in the right direction.

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

In addition to intellectual property litigation, Ms. Ranks 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, Ms. Ranks obtained a favorable settlement for her client in a District Court ERISA retirement case through mediation. Ms. Ranks also obtained unemployment benefits for a client undergoing treatment for cancer.

Focus Areas

Services

- Copyright
- Litigation
- Patent
- Post-Grant
- Trademark
- Commercial Litigation
- ITC Litigation
- Patent Litigation
- Trade Secret Litigation
- Trademark, Copyright, and Media Litigation

Industries

- Academic Research and Medical Centers
- Digital Health
- Life Sciences
- Medical Devices

Education

J.D. *2015 ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in IP Law*

Franklin Pierce Certificate in Intellectual Property, magna cum laude, University of New Hampshire
Franklin Pierce School of Law (2015) Managing Editor, *IDEA: The Intellectual Property Review*

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

Insights

Publications

- “Massachusetts Patent Litigation Wrap Up – December 2017,” *Fish Litigation Blog* (January 2018)
- “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)

Recognition

- Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court 2019 Pro Bono Honor Roll (2019)

Clerkships

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, The Honorable William G. Young, 2014