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Overview

About Melissa

Melissa Shannon focuses her practice on helping her clients strengthen their brands and market positions through comprehensive trademark and copyright prosecution, counseling, and enforcement. She has broad experience managing domestic and international trademark portfolios; performing clearance searches; counseling her clients on likelihood of confusion, infringement, and evidence of use issues; filing trademark applications, renewals, specimens of use, office action responses, notices of opposition, and petitions for cancellation at the USPTO; and filing copyright applications, works for submission, and requests for reconsideration at the Copyright Office. Melissa also has experience handling enforcement issues, including conducting legal research and preparing pleadings, motions, discovery requests, and settlement agreements for trademark and copyright issues in federal court and at the TTAB; drafting and sending cease-and-desist letters; and filing takedown notices for domain names.

In law school, Melissa served as a judicial extern for the Honorable Patricia Sheahan of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Law Division; was a member of the Loyola University Chicago Law Journal; and competed in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Competition. She also received the CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Art Law and Patent Law and was an Intellectual Property Colloquium Fellow.

Prior to her legal career, Melissa worked in the diamond and jewelry industry, as well as in the field of international education. Outside of the office, she enjoys spending time with her three dogs, hiking, and finding hidden gems in antique stores.

**Admitted only in Illinois. Not admitted to practice in California. Work conducted in California is directly supervised by a member of the California bar or is limited to federal courts or agencies listed below or otherwise authorized by law.*

Focus Areas

Services

- Copyright
- IP Licensing, Transactions, and Agreements
- Trademark
- Domain Names and Internet
- Trademark Counseling and Prosecution
- TTAB Oppositions and Cancellations
- Digital Millennium Copyright Act
- Strategic Counseling, Registration, and Opinions
- Transactions and Agreements
- Trademark, Copyright, and Media Litigation

Industries

- Consumer Products
- Digital Media and E-Commerce
- Financial and Business Services
- Internet
- Manufacturing
- Transportation

Education

LL.M. *with distinction*, Intellectual Property, Queen Mary University of London (2021)

J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law (2020) *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*, Member

B.A. *magna cum laude*, Communications and Culture, City University of New York (2013)