



A tenacious advocate and litigator, Deborah Pollack-Milgate is known for her ability to act quickly to chart the optimal path for the clients she serves. Fearless and disciplined, Deborah delivers laser sharp focus that supports and protects each client's unique business objectives.

Deborah represents businesses of all sizes and individuals in patent, trade secret, trademark and complex commercial litigation, including antitrust and contract litigation. Deborah is adept at providing her diverse clientele with unique problem solving skills that do not rely on one formula for success, but rather pinpoint and prioritize her clientele's needs and perspectives. This creativity and insight sets her apart.

Deborah brings her insight to bear in acting as outside IP counsel for both national and international clients, assisting with virtually all aspects of intellectual property portfolio management. She assists clients with putting systems in place, from the stage of invention to patent protection and enforcement, which will allow them to fully maximize the value of their intellectual property.

Since 2001, Deborah has assisted and advised clients in complex patent suits across virtually all technical areas, including chemistry, software, mechanical and biotech, ushering her clients through all stages of litigation, including trial. She has also represented a variety of clients in appellate matters in the Indiana appellate courts and in federal courts of appeal, including the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Over nearly two decades of practice, Deborah has identified the pivotal IP strategy to achieve favorable results for her clients, whether on attack or on defense. On the defense side, Deborah has often worked to reduce or eliminate her clients' monetary exposure, including in one case by hundreds of millions of dollars. On attack, Deborah also regularly develops damages theories that are both well-grounded legally and aggressive.

Innovative and always learning, Deborah is at her best when faced with the intellectual and people challenges of litigation, negotiation and the

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EDUCATION

Rutgers University, (J.D.), 1999

Indiana University-Bloomington, (M.A.),
1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

Indiana

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth
Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern
District of Indiana

U.S. District Court for the Southern
District of Indiana

U.S. Supreme Court

LANGUAGES

English

German

PRACTICES

Antitrust and Competition Law

Appeals and Critical Motions

Emerging Companies and Venture
Capital

dispute resolution process. Deborah's clients appreciate that they are in good hands under her leadership and that she doesn't lose sight of their best interests.

While at Barnes & Thornburg, Deborah spent an extended stay in Mannheim, Germany, where she worked for and advised an international client in U.S. litigation and patent matters. She routinely presents in the German language on patent matters, and is the author of BLIPs, the firm's quarterly German-language IP newsletter. Deborah also serves as co-chair of the firm's European Services Practice Group.

She is also the Co-host of the "Parity Podcast," the goal of which is to achieve equal numbers of women and men at all levels of an organization.

Professional and Community Involvement

Member, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana Local Rules Committee

Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America

Member, Indiana State Bar Association

Member, Indianapolis Bar Association

Member, German-American Lawyers' Association (DAJV)

Member, German American Chamber of Commerce

Member, German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property

Board member, Indiana Health Industry Forum (IHIF)

Member, Plager Intellectual Property Inn of Court

Board Member, Indiana Germany Business Council

Founding member, Indianapolis ChIPs Chapter

Former board member and former president, Women & Hi-Tech

Honors

The Best Lawyers in America, 2015-2024; Lawyer of the Year, 2018, 2020, 2022

Indiana Super Lawyers, 2016-2024

Chambers USA, 2022-2023

BTI Client Service All Star, 2020

- European Services
- Intellectual Property
- Internet and Technology
- Litigation
- Patent Litigation
- Post-Grant and Inter Partes Review
- Trademarks

INDUSTRIES

- Agriculture and Food
- Energy and Utilities
- Life Sciences
- Motorsports