

Celine Jimenez Crowson

Partner

Washington, D.C.

Biography

A leading woman in technology law, Celine Jimenez Crowson is on the forefront of patent litigation for the world's most valuable companies. Celine uses her technical background in electrical engineering and her deep experience in intellectual property law to provide her clients with practical, winning solutions to their most complex and important problems. She is a first chair trial lawyer in patent cases in district courts and the International Trade Commission. Celine also leads Hogan Lovells' IP team in the Americas. Celine has defeated claims amounting to millions of dollars in damages, saved products from exclusion from the market, and obtained numerous dismissals. The American Lawyer regularly has touted her wins. In 2022-23, Celine led the trial teams that obtained three winning trial verdicts.

Celine has also led the patent teams in the most important global technology deals, including one that appeared on the front page of The New York Times. Celine's techno-legal sweet spots include mobile devices and communication technologies, electronic consumer products, mapping and navigation, semiconductor chip technologies, automotive and smart home technologies, battery technologies, medical and healthcare-related devices, agriculture, and cutting-edge energy technologies.

Celine is also at the forefront of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) patent challenge practice. She has been involved in numerous Inter Partes Review



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Practices

Intellectual Property

IP and Technology Transactions

Digital Assets and Blockchain

IP Litigation, Arbitration, and
Alternative Dispute Resolution

Industries

Manufacturing and Industrials

Areas of focus

Chemical and Industrial Products

Connected Cars

Sports

Gaming

proceedings, all of which resulted in creating favorable outcomes for her clients. Celine handled the trial for the first ever instituted Post Grant Review proceeding at the USPTO and in 2023 led the IPRs for the most prolific automotive OEM petitioner.

Celine has spent years on the Ronald McDonald House Charities Board and is a current elected member of the Hogan Lovells global board and a member of the Duke Pratt School of Engineering Visitor's Board. She has also been a guest lecturer at Georgetown Law School's Class in Entrepreneurship.

Representative experience

Lead trial counsel for Mercedes Benz in multiple patent infringement litigations in district courts and the ITC, including a complete victory in Mercedes first ever U.S. patent infringement trial.

Lead trial counsel for Google and LG in WDTX district court litigation resulting in unanimous defense jury verdict of non-infringement and invalidity for all asserted patents.

Lead litigation counsel for electronic consumer companies in numerous patent litigations, including wins in district court and the ITC for products ranging from mobile devices to headsets.

Lead counsel for Covidien/Nellcor in patent infringement action and reexamination brought in connection with client's cerebral oximetry device.

Lead trial counsel for PPG Indus. in patent infringement litigation, resulting in unanimous defense jury verdict of non-infringement and invalidity of all 5 asserted patents.

Awards and rankings

- Litigator of the Year - DC Metro, Shortlisted, *Managing Intellectual Property*, 2024
- Patent Star - District of Columbia, *Managing Intellectual Property*, 2018, 2020, 2023, 2024
- Intellectual Property: Patent Litigation: Full Coverage,

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1990

B.S. Electrical Engineering, Duke University, cum laude, Eta Kappa Nu, 1987

Memberships

Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association

Member, District of Columbia Bar Association

Member, Federal Circuit Bar Association

Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

Member, Intellectual Property Owners Association

Member, Litigation Section and Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law Section, American Bar Association

Member, Maryland Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Maryland

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

Legal 500 US, 2018-2019

- Patent Litigation: Hi Tech Electronics and IT, *Legal 500 US, 2009*
- Intellectual property: Patents: litigation (full coverage), Recommended, *Legal 500 US, 2020*

Latest thinking and events

- Insights and Analysis
 - IP issues in hydrogen in the manufacturing, energy, and industrials sector
- Insights and Analysis
 - Mobility and Transportation - Hot Topic Q&A Interviews
- News
 - Recent standard essential patent developments in US courts
- News
 - CES 2024: AI, Sustainability, Inclusivity and Living Technology
- News
 - 2023 Doing Business in the United States
- Insights and Analysis
 - Getting The Deal Through: Automotive and Mobility 2023

U.S. Supreme Court

Accolades

"Celine Crowson and I became experts in the study of what makes a Smurf a Smurf. We negotiated with the studio over what the characters wore and what they said."

The Hollywood Wrap July 2011

"[My client] ... obtained the first patent ..., so [the asserted] patents should never have been granted," Celine Crowson of Hogan Lovells, ... said Tuesday. "[Plaintiff] is trying to use its patents to compete ..., when it couldn't make a product better than [my client's]." (from winning opening argument)

Law360, March 1, 2022
