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Practice Description

International trademark, copyright, unfair competition; sub-specialty in law and practice in the Independent States of the Former USSR; Eastern Europe.

Education

Wellesley College (B.A., History and Russian Studies, 1967); New York University (M.A. Russian linguistics, 1969, Ph.D., Slavic linguistics, 1977); Boston College Law School (J.D., cum laude, 1982). Member, 1980-1981, Editor-in-Chief, 1981-1982, Boston College Law Review.

Professional Activities

Law Clerk to the Honorable Lawrence W. Pierce, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 1982-1983.

Member: The Association of the Bar of the City of New York; American Bar Association; International Trademark Association (Member, Board of Directors, 1998-2000; Chair, Subcommittee on Eastern Europe and CIS, 2000-2002; Vice Chair, Trade Dress Committee, 2003-2005; member, Dilution and Well-Known Marks Committee, 2005-present); Co-Counsel: Coalition for Intellectual Property Rights (Public-Private Partnership for advancing the protection and enforcement of industrial property rights in the states formerly comprising the Soviet Union).

Speaker: Numerous presentations at professional conferences and seminars on international trademark issues (1991-present).

Honors

Included in Who's Who Legal - Trademarks; Recognized in the 2008 edition of Guide to the World's Leading Trade Mark Law Practitioners, published by Euromoney Legal Media Group; Included in the list of New York Super Lawyers in intellectual property by "New York Super Lawyers 2006 - Manhattan Edition" and by "New York Super Lawyers 2007 - Metro Edition;" Recognized in the international area in the 2006-2007 edition of the Legal 500 US Guide.

Admissions

New York State
 Massachusetts
 Pennsylvania
 Washington, D.C.
 United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
 United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

Published Works

Case-note, The Struggle to Define Character in FCC License Renewal Decisions: RKO General, Inc.

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Trademark Laws of the Former Soviet States: A Comparative View

Russia and Commonwealth Business Law Report

Memoranda on famous and well-known marks, from the international and local (countries of the former USSR) perspective

Co-author, published by the Coalition for Intellectual Property Rights (2000-2002)

Co-author of Chapter on Russian Federation for Second Edition of F. Mostert Famous and Well-Known Marks Protection of Well-Known Marks in the Russian Federation and other Countries of the former Soviet Union

Co-author, Harmonisierung des Markenrechts: Festschrift für Alexander von Mühlendahl (Carl Heymanns Verlag 2005)
New Russian IP Law Has Serious Deficiencies for Trademark Owners
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