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### Overview

An experienced patent lawyer, Laura C. Brutman joined Schiff Hardin as a partner in the Intellectual Property Group in 2013. She currently serves as the firm's Patent Prosecution Group Leader. During the course of her career, she has obtained thousands of patents on behalf of U.S., European and Japanese corporations. She is the author of numerous patent validity and infringement opinions.

Recognizing that patented intellectual properties are among a company's most valuable assets, Laura provides her clients with advice and guidance in all areas of patents, including prosecution, post-grant proceedings, client counseling, license negotiation, due diligence and litigation.

Laura's academic training as an electrical engineer is integral to her thorough understanding of a variety of complex technologies. She draws on her deep technical knowledge and extensive legal experience to offer clients smart, strategic counsel and solutions that help them protect and defend their patents.

### Practices

- Intellectual Property
- International
- Patent Litigation
- Patent Office Post-Grant Proceedings
- Patent Prosecution

### Experience

- Laura's patent experience covers a wide range of technologies, including wireless communications involving cellular platforms, RF transceivers, mobile phones, semiconductors, smart cards, power management circuits, cryptography, digital signal processors, Internet-based applications, computer software, business methods, ophthalmic lenses, ultrasonic transducers, medical devices, medical imaging systems, neuromuscular modulation systems, automotive, gaming machines, mechanical and electro-mechanical devices, and control systems.
- Laura was a partner in the New York office of a national law firm from 2006 to 2012, and senior counsel with a New York IP firm from 2001 to 2006, where she practiced patent prosecution and litigation as well as client counseling.
- As an associate with a Washington, D.C. IP firm from 1994 to 2001, Laura was selected for secondment to NGB Corporation in Tokyo, Japan (May 1998 – December 1999) to work directly with NGB and its Japanese corporate clients on various aspects of U.S. patent practice including prosecution, litigation and licensing matters. She continued to reside in the firm's Tokyo office for six months (January – July 2000) to advise Japanese clients on patent validity/infringement issues and to prepare written opinions.
- Laura worked as a patent examiner from 1990 to 1994, focusing on electrical/computer applications and software with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- Prior to her career in law, Laura worked as an electrical engineer for Polaroid Corporation, designing control systems for the film assembly machines.

### Credentials

## Education

- The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, J.D., 1994
- Boston University, B.S.E.E, 1989

## Bar Admissions

- New York
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

## Professional Memberships

- New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA), Representative to the U.S. Bar/EPO Liaison Council (2018-present)
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), Representative to the U.S. Bar/EPO Liaison Council (2014-2018); IP Practice in Europe Committee, Co-chair (2012-2014)

## Insights

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News Release

Firm and Four Attorneys ranked in the 2020 *IAM Patent 1000*

## Speeches & Presentations

Laura regularly lectures on various aspects of intellectual property law and practice at seminars in Europe, Japan and the U.S. Recent speaking engagements include:

- "Laboratory Notebooks and Recordkeeping in Light of AIA," Tokyo (Apr. 9, 2013) and Osaka (Apr. 12, 2013)
- Mock Trial: "Litigation at District Court v Inter Partes Review Procedure," Tokyo (Apr. 9, 2013) and Osaka (Apr. 12, 2013)
- "US Federal Circuit Cases of 2012-13," London (Mar. 11, 2013) and Munich (Mar. 15, 2013)
- "Selected Provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act of 2011," Europe (Mar. 5-9, 2012)
- "Reexamination and its Interplay with Litigation," Japan (Mar. 2011)

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