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Christine Ranney is a partner in the Denver office and a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group. She focuses on patent and appellate litigation and is knowledgeable across a range of arts and practices, including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, consumer goods, software, and telecommunications. With her background in chemical and engineering and work experience in the pharmaceutical industry, she specializes in life sciences and pharmaceutical disputes and has handled cases concerning small molecule and biologic therapeutics, methods of treatment, and diagnostics. Christine has litigated and won cases in the federal district courts, before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and *inter partes* review proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. She has substantial experience with pre-suit investigations, trade secret misappropriation cases, and coordinating global intellectual property disputes. She also provides strategic advice concerning intellectual property licensing, diligence, and other transactional matters.

Christine is recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Appellate Practice, Life Sciences Practice, and Litigation – Patent and has been listed in the publication since 2022. *Managing IP Handbook* named Christine as a 2025 IP Star, and the *Denver Business Journal* named her to their 40 Under 40 class of 2025.

Representative matters:

- Represented Sun Pharma in a high-profile patent litigation brought by Incyte seeking to bar Sun from launching its branded alopecia drug Leqselvi. Obtained a rare ruling from the bench vacating the injunction and a written order issued the same day, permitting Sun to launch immediately and without waiting for the mandate to issue.
- Represented Cisco in several patent cases filed by Lionra in the Eastern District of Texas. Won summary judgment of non-infringement before trial.
- Secured one of the largest defense victories in patent litigation history for clients EMD Serono, Inc. and Pfizer Inc. in a suit brought by Biogen MA Inc. seeking more than $5.4 billion in damages for infringement of a patent relating to the use of recombinant DNA technology in the treatment of Multiple Sclerosis.
- Obtained early Section 101 dismissal for Slack Technologies in infringement suit related to Slack's eponymous communications platform.
- Obtained favorable bench ruling and Federal Circuit affirmance for Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation in litigation enforcing patent covering Novartis's $3 billion Multiple Sclerosis drug GILENYA®.
- Obtained critical victory for Assertio Therapeutics, Inc. (formerly Depomed, Inc.) in Hatch-Waxman litigation concerning Assertio's most important asset, the opioid drug NUCYNTA®.

Capabilities

Intellectual Property

Life Sciences

Credentials

Education

New York University - 2013 Juris Doctor

Princeton University - 2008 BS in Engineering

Admissions

California Bar

Colorado Bar

Clerkships

US Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, Hon. Pauline Newman, 2013 - 2015

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- Represented Uber in multiple patent infringement litigations in the Eastern and Western Districts of Texas, obtaining transfer to California in one and favorable resolutions in others.
- Secured favorable final determination for client Fitbit on patent and trade secret allegations brought before the International Trade Commission.

Christine serves as a Hiring Partner for Gibson Dunn's Denver office and is a member of the firm's Hiring Committee. She is an active member of the Colorado IP American Inn of Court. She also serves on the Board of The Delores Project, a Denver non-profit that provides and advocates for safe, dignified, and trauma-informed shelter and support services for people experiencing homelessness.

Prior to joining the firm, Christine served as a law clerk to the Honorable Pauline Newman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Before her clerkship, she was an analyst in a leadership development program at Merck & Co. Christine received her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from New York University School of Law in 2013. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Engineering, in Chemical Engineering, in 2008 from Princeton University.

Christine is admitted to practice law in the States of California and Colorado and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

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