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Anne is a member of the firm's Management Committee and a co-chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Group. With nearly 25 years of experience, Anne focuses her practice on litigation in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and other courts. With meticulous attention to detail and big picture strategic vision, Anne represents national and international clients in intellectual property and complex commercial cases. She has handled, as lead or Delaware counsel, over 400 cases spanning a diverse range of industries and technologies.

In addition to being an advocate for her clients in the courtroom, Anne has extensive experience with alternative dispute resolution, particularly court-directed and private mediation and arbitration. She has also served as a neutral arbitrator in both intellectual property and complex commercial matters through the American Arbitration Association (AAA).

Anne also advises clients on the various e-discovery standards and best practices across the courts. She has developed an in-depth understanding of electronic discovery and served on the United States District Court for the District of Delaware's Ad Hoc Committee on E-Discovery. She has also served on the Delaware Supreme Court's Commission on Law & Technology.

A former member of the editorial board for the Federal Bar Association's magazine *The Federal Lawyer*, Anne is an accomplished author with articles published on a range of topics. She is also a frequent speaker with federal and state court judges and practitioners on industry related topics as well as ethics and professionalism. Anne is a member of the Board of Bar Examiners for the State of Delaware and a member of Young Conaway's Diversity, Hiring, and Associates Committees. With an AV-Preeminent peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell, she has been recognized as a "Women Leaders in the Law" and profiled in *Fortune* magazine. In 2021, Managing Intellectual Property Awards named Anne "Practitioner of the Year (Litigation)" in Delaware.

In law school, Anne externed for the Honorable Carol Los Mansmann, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and served on the *Journal of Law & Commerce*. After law school, Anne served in the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps.

LEADERSHIP

- U.S. Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, appointed by the Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, Member
- U.S. Magistrate Judge Retention Panel for the Reappointment of Magistrate Judge Mary Pat Thyng, appointed by the Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, Member
- U.S. District Court Ad Hoc Committee for E-Discovery, Member
- Board of Bar Examiners of the State of Delaware, Member
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow and past Delaware State Chair
- Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow
- Federal Bar Association, Delaware Chapter, Member and past President/National Representative
- Federal Bar Association, *The Federal Lawyer*, past Editorial Board Member
- Delaware Supreme Court Commission on Law & Technology, past Member

Distinctions

- Commendation, presented by the Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware
- Caleb R. Layton, III Service Award, presented by the Judges of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware
- *Chambers USA - Leading Lawyers for Business*
- Benchmark Litigation
- IAM Patent 1000
- *Managing Intellectual Property* – 2021 “Practitioner of the Year (Litigation)” – Delaware
- *Managing Intellectual Property* – *IP Stars and Top 250 Women in IP*
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
- Delaware *Super Lawyers*®
- *Delaware Today* – Top Lawyers
- Women Leaders in the Law – featured in *Fortune* magazine
- Women Leaders in the Law, *Best Lawyers*® Business Edition
- Women in Law Award, *Lawyer Monthly* magazine
- Multicultural Leadership Award, The National Diversity Council
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent Rating™
- Commendation Medal, United States Air Force

Practices

- Patent Litigation
- Trademark
- Trade Secret and Employee Mobility
- Commercial Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution: Arbitration and Mediation

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law (J.D.)
 - Journal of Law and Commerce
- Moravian College (B.A., *cum laude*)
 - with Honors in Political Science

Bar Admissions

- Delaware
- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Memberships and Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association, Delaware Chapter
- Federal Circuit Bar Association
- Delaware State Bar Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Minority Corporate Counsel Association
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Publications

Judicial Profile of The Honorable Jane Richards Roth, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

The Federal Lawyer, September 2017

The Case Is Over: But Now What Do You Do With the Mass of Data Transmitted Throughout the Life of the Case?

The Federal Lawyer, July 2017

The USPTO Patent Pro Bono Program: Creating New Opportunities for Helping Local Communities

The Federal Lawyer, June 2015

Judicial Profile of The Honorable Mary Pat Thyng, Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge, District of Delaware, co-authored by The Honorable Leonard P. Stark and Anne Shea Gaza

The Federal Lawyer, pp. 84-87, May/June 2014

Nonpracticing Entities Come to Delaware, co-author

The Federal Lawyer, pp. 63-67, 71, Vol. 60, Issue 9, Oct/Nov 2013

Local Practices for Electronic Discovery, co-author

The Federal Lawyer, Vol. 58, No. 2, February 2011