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Angela helps clients protect, manage, and enforce their intellectual property (IP) in the U.S. and around the globe. As her clients' trusted partner, she advises businesses and individuals on a wide array of trademark, copyright, artificial intelligence (AI), design, trade secret, M&A, and licensing issues.

Angela devises and implements global strategies for managing the trademark and copyright portfolios of multinational companies; at the same time, she excels at helping smaller companies develop robust IP portfolios to best position them for their next stage of growth. Angela enforces and defends her clients' IP rights all over the globe, including in cases before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and before numerous international IP offices. She also advises her clients on best practices concerning the evolving IP issues implicated by new technologies, including AI.

Angela's experience includes working with artists, start-ups, and Fortune 100 companies in a diverse array of industries. She uses this background to adapt her skillset to the unique needs of her clients, always tailoring a practical approach based on a meaningful understanding of her client's priorities.

In her professional community, Angela serves on a leadership committee of the International Trademark Association (INTA), where she hones her expertise in the many nuanced areas of international trademark protection. She also serves on a leadership committee of Chicago Women in IP (ChiWIP), which supports women in the intellectual property field.

In the Chicago community, Angela donates her time to legal aid programs for women- and minority-owned small businesses, and she is an enthusiastic supporter of the arts and animal welfare. Angela has a background in and passion for art, which lends depth to her understanding of the importance of protecting her clients' creative output.

Education

- DePaul University College of Law (J.D., 2012)
- University of Michigan (B.A., 2009)

Practices & Industries

- Anti-Counterfeiting and Grey Market Goods
- Brand Development, Management & Enforcement
- Copyright Management, Licensing, and Enforcement
- Start-Up and Entrepreneur Practice
- Trademark Prosecution, Licensing, & Enforcement
- Intellectual Property & Technology

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- Northern District of Illinois

Professional Affiliations

- International Trademark Association (INTA) (*Leadership, 2021-present*)
- Chicago Women in IP (ChiWIP) (*Committee Member, 2019-2021; 2023-present*)
- Alumni Association of the University of Michigan (*Member, 2009-present*)

Community Involvement

- Workshop Volunteer, IP Panel, mHUB
- Legal Clinic Volunteer, Illinois Small Business Development Center
- Legal Clinic Volunteer, Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program

Firm Involvement

- BELONG Committee
- Pro Bono and Charitable Giving Committee

Awards & Honors

- *Crain's Chicago Business* Notable Women in Law (2026)
- Named to the Illinois Super Lawyers list, Intellectual Property (2025-2026)

In the News

Angela is frequently quoted in the media on topics related to intellectual property law. The following is a selection of articles for which she was interviewed. Subscription may be required for certain sites.

Law360, "[Cox, Music Publishers Ask Justices to Review Copyright Row](#)" (August 20, 2024)

Law360, "['Trump Too Small' Opinion Leaves Some Justices, Attys Vexed](#)" (June 13, 2024)

Law360, "[Copyright Cases to Watch in 2024](#)" (January 1, 2024)

Law360, "[The Biggest Trademark Rulings of 2023](#)" (December 15, 2023)

Law360, "[Justices signal agreement with PTO's denial of 'Trump too small' registration](#)" (November 9, 2023)

Bloomberg Law, "[Writers Guild AI Deal Pushes Studios Down New Copyright Path](#)" (October 12, 2023)

World Trademark Review, "[Google policy update will create more work for trademark owners, practitioners warn](#)" (June 30, 2023)

Publications & Presentations

PUBLICATIONS

- *The Trademark Lawyer*, "[The American IDEA Act And The Growing Threat of IP Theft](#)" (December 2023)
- *The Trademark Lawyer*, "[Biden's Executive Order on Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Holds Promise for New Intellectual Property \(IP\) Policies](#)" (November 23, 2023)
- "[ChatGPT May Be Great for Efficiency, But Don't Leave Ethics at the Door](#)," *Association of Corporate Counsel St. Louis Newsletter* (September 2023)
- "[Possible lawsuit by The New York Times against OpenAI could have serious consequences for copyright holders and ChatGPT alike](#)," *The Trademark Lawyer* (September 14, 2023)
- Co-Author "[Artificial Intelligence, Music, and The Evolving Landscape of Copyright Protection](#)," *St. Louis Lawyer Magazine* (September 8, 2023)
- "[How the American IDEA Act Will Help Small Business](#)," *IPWatchdog* (September 4, 2023)
- "[Not So Fast: ChatGPT May Be Great for Attorney Efficiency, but Don't Leave Ethics at the Door](#)," *Greensfelder News & Insights* (May 2023)
- "[Trademark Law and NFTs: The IP Implications of Emerging Technology](#)," *Greensfelder News & Insights* (March 2023)

PRESENTATIONS

- "Ask Me Anything: IP," mHUB, Chicago, IL (September 25, 2024)
- "Navigating Intellectual Property Challenges in AI Driven Innovations," AI Strategy Summit: IP, Data & Compliance, Chicago, IL (May 30, 2024)
- "Taking Your Business To the Next Level: How Intellectual Property Gets You There," Women Mean Business®: NAWBO Chicago's 41st Annual Conference, Oak Brook, IL (April 25, 2024)
- "Strategies for Ethical Expertise in Your AI Legal Practice," 53rd Spring Conference on Environmental Law, Chicago, IL (April 5, 2024)
- Beverage School: Trademarks, BevNET Live!, Marina del Rey, CA (December 2023)
- Trademark Panel, IPLAC Annual IP Symposium, Chicago, IL (October 26, 2023)
- "Leave Your Mark: The Fundamentals of Intellectual Property Law and How it Impacts Designers," Columbia College for AIGA Chicago, Chicago, IL (September 14, 2023)
- "Using ChatGPT and Other Generative AI Programs: Examining accuracy, privacy, conflicts with IP laws, and the far-reaching ramifications in a law practice," MyLawCLE presentation (August 24, 2023)
- "Beverly the Builder: Trademark and Brand Architecture from the Ground Up," National Association of Women Business Owners 40th Annual Celebration of Achievement, Oak Brook, IL (April 27, 2023)
- "The Intersection of Intellectual Property and Design," Nordic House, in collaboration with the Design Museum of Chicago, Chicago, IL (April 25, 2023)

Policy

Angela has influenced public policy in the area of intellectual property law, including the following:

- As part of the International Trademark Association's (INTA) Task Force on Dependency, Angela helped draft the "INTA Proposal on Dependency," which was submitted to the World Intellectual Property Office for the 22nd session of its Working Group on the Legal Development of the Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks (October 7-11, 2024)
- Angela was quoted in "[Non-Fungible Tokens and Intellectual Property](#)," a Report to Congress by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and United States Copyright Office (March 2024)
- Angela participated in the Trademarks and Non-fungible Tokens Public Roundtable hosted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and United States Copyright Office (January 24, 2023)