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SENIOR PARALEGAL

Abby joined Neal & McDevitt as a paralegal in July 2010. Abby provides support to the firm's attorneys in the area of trademarks, copyrights and advertising matters and she is experienced in clearance, prosecution, enforcement and litigation. Abby also provides support with global trademark portfolio management as she assists many clients with large international trademark portfolios.

EDUCATION:

B.A., 2010, Northeastern Illinois University

Professional Accomplishments

- Recipient of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago's 2018 Committee of the Year Award (Co-Chair – Paralegal Committee)

Outreach

Speaking Engagements

- 2018, Association of Legal Administrators, Presenter, *IP Department of the Future – Advice from Your Peers*
- 2018, INTA Trademark Administrators and Practitioners Meeting, Presenter, *You Want It? INTA's Got It! A Quick Guide Through INTA's Resources*
- 2016, 2017 & 2018, INTA Trademark Administrators and Practitioners Meeting, Moderator, *Global Portfolio Management*
- 2016 & 2017, INTA Annual Meeting, Moderator, *Experienced Trademark Administrators Idea Exchange and Best Practices*
- 2016, INTA Super Experienced Trademark Administrators Idea Exchange, Moderator, *Career Development: Personality Matters*
- 2016, INTA Super Experienced Trademark Administrators Idea Exchange, Moderator, *Best Practices: Effective Filing Strategies*
- 2014, Loyola University, Presenter, *The Intellectual Property Paralegal: Learn from Experts*
- 2014, College of DuPage Paralegal Club, Presenter, *Intellectual Property Law*
- 2014, Illinois Paralegal Association – Corporate Section, Presenter, Hot Topic: *Patents and Trademarks*

Professional Membership

Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC):

- Co-Chair of the Paralegal Committee – 2017 – 2022
- Vice Chair of the Paralegal Committee – 2014 – 2016

International Trademark Association (INTA):

- Trademark Administrators' Committee – 2016 – 2020; Co-Chair, Special Programs Subcommittee – 2016 – 2020
- Publications Committee – 2020 - 2022