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ADMISSION TO PRACTICE:

Pennsylvania (1997)
New Jersey (1997)

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Cir. (1997)
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fed. Cir. (2009)
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1998)
U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey (1997)

EDUCATION:

Juris Doctor, 1997, *cum laude*, Temple University School of Law

- Executive Editor of *Temple Law Review*, 1996-1997; Staff Member, 1995-1996.
- President, Brehon Law Society, 1995-1996
- Summer Law Clerk, Hon. Clarence C. Newcomer, Senior Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1995)

Bachelor of Arts, 1991, International Studies (Russian Area Studies), The American University, School of International Service, Washington, DC

Christina D. Frangiosa

PARTNER

Christina D. Frangiosa counsels clients across various industries about intellectual property and technology law. Her combined litigation and transactional practice concentrates on copyright and trademark matters – from search & clearance, to prosecution, to licensing and enforcement. In the context of enforcement, her coverage is similarly wide ranging from infringement and counterfeiting, to unfair competition, false advertising, and the influence of artificial intelligence on the protectability of creative works.

Chris consistently works with her clients to educate them about protecting their copyrights and trademarks, including providing specific advice about navigating the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office’s trademark registration systems and about effectively launching and using their marks in commerce to permit long-term maintenance of their valuable brands. She has appeared in state and federal courts on behalf of her clients in trademark and other litigation matters, and represents brand owners in opposition and cancellation proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB). Her clients have included advertising companies, authors, computer software developers, consulting firms, educational institutions, entertainment-related companies, entrepreneurs, financial and insurance companies, manufacturers, nonprofit organizations, consumer retail establishments, service companies, and graphic designers, among others.

Chris is also very active in the legal community, serving in many key leadership roles of the American Bar Association’s Section of Intellectual Property Law, providing legal commentary on IP-related issues in the mainstream media, authoring articles, leading CLE seminars, and serving as the publisher of the [Privacy and IP Law Blog](#), which has addressed recent developments in trademark, copyright, computer, data security, and privacy law since 2009.

Chris practices out of the firm’s office in the Philadelphia suburbs.

Experience

- *Partner*, Neal & McDevitt, LLC (2023 – present)
- *Member*, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC (2016 –2023)
- *Attorney*, Semanoff Ormsby Greenberg & Torchia, LLC (2013 –2016)
- *Counsel*, Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel, LLP (2009 –2013)
- *Senior Litigation Associate*, Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP (1997 –2009)

Professional Accomplishments

- Ranked by the *World Trademark Review* to the **WTR 1000** for trademark enforcement and litigation in 2024.
- Selected for inclusion in **World IP Review's Leaders Directory** as a leading intellectual property practitioner in 2023
- Selected for inclusion in **Euromoney's Women in Business Law: Expert Guide** for 2015 to present as a leading trademark practitioner
- Elected a Fellow of the **American Bar Foundation** (2019)
- Named one of the "Top Attorneys" for Intellectual Property Law by **Suburban Life magazine**, 2016 – 2017
- Received an Award from two Chairs of the **American Bar Association's Section of Intellectual Property Law** for "Outstanding Leadership Contribution" in 2012 and in 2013

Books

- Chapter Author of "Plaintiff's Damages," *Trademark Infringement Remedies* (book and cumulative supplement) (Bloomberg BNA/ABA IP Law Section, 2015-2019)
- Co-Author, American Bar Association, Section of Intellectual Property Law *White Paper* entitled, "[A Call For Action For Online Piracy and Counterfeiting Legislation](#)," 2014.

Representative Articles

- "[Protecting Creative Works After *Fourth Estate v. Wall-Street.com*](#)," *IP Watchdog*, Jan. 1, 2020 (co-authored).
- "[Barber Poles and Lapel Pins: A Trademark Perspective](#)," *The Temple 10-Q*, September 21, 2017.
- "[Planning a 'March Madness' Promotion for Your Business? Beware the NCAA's Wrath](#)," *Entrepreneur Online*, March 13, 2017.
- "[Is Your Company a Trademark Bully?](#)" *Lawyer Issue*, December 2016.
- "Copyright Ownership and IOT Devices," *The SciTech Lawyer*, April 2016.
- "[Trademark Tips: Seven Experts Share their Secrets](#)," *Landslide* (an ABA IPL Section magazine), featured contributor, May/June 2015.
- *Full List of Articles Available on LinkedIn*

Outreach

Representative Speaking Engagements:

- 2024 Strafford Live CLE Webinar – Co-Presenter on [“IP Protection and Limitations for Fictional Characters.”](#)
- 2024 American Bar Association – Intellectual Property Law Section – Spring Conference – Co-Presenter on “Mark My Words: AI’s Role and Key Ethical Considerations for Trademark Professionals”
- 2022 Strafford Live CLE Webinar – Co-Presenter on [“Functionality in Trade Dress Prosecution and Litigation: Protecting the Look and Feel of Products and Packaging.”](#)
- 2020 Strafford Live CLE Webinar – Co-Presenter on [“IP Protection and Limitations for Fictional Characters.”](#)
- 2019 American Bar Association – Intellectual Property Law Section – Trademark Day at the USPTO, Co-Presenter on [“Best Practices in Trademark Searching, Prosecution & Maintenance.”](#)
- 2019 American Bar Association – Intellectual Property Law Section – Spring Conference – Moderator – “What’s New at the Trademark Office? Coffee with USPTO Trademark Leadership.”
- 2018 American Bar Association – Section of Intellectual Property Law – Spring Conference (& later Webinar) – Co-Presenter on “Ethical Issues in Trademark Practice.”
- 2018 – International Trademark Association Annual Meeting – Table Topic Moderator on “Product Configuration: The Intersection of Trademark, Copyright and Patent and Registered Design Laws.”
- 2018 – Pennsylvania Bar Institute – IP Institute – Co-Presenter on “Ethical Issues in Trademarks.”
- 2018 – West LegalEd Center – Co-Presenter on “Seeking Expert Advice – How to Deal with Survey, Industry and Damage Experts in Trademark and Copyright Cases.”
- 2017 – Clear Law Institute – Co-Presenter on “Product Configuration – The Intersection of IP Rights.”
- 2017 – Clear Law Institute – Co-Presenter on “Use and Abuse of Expert Witnesses in Trademark and Copyright Litigation.”
- 2016 – American Bar Association – Section of Science & Technology Law’s Internet of Things Institute – Co-Presenter on [“Copyright Ownership and IoT Devices.”](#)
- 2013 – Pennsylvania Bar Institute – CLE Program – Co-Presenter on “Social Media for Business: Terms of Use, Privacy Policies and Community Guidelines.”
- 2012 – American Bar Association – Intellectual Property Law Section – ABA Annual Meeting Plenary Session – Moderator on [“The Scope and Severity of Extra-Territorial Online Piracy and Counterfeiting.”](#)
- *Full List of Presentations Available on LinkedIn*

Community Involvement:

- National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (Valley Forge, PA, Chapter), Member
 - Former Chair, American History Committee
 - Former Corresponding Secretary
- Society of Mayflower Descendants (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania), Member
- Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Member

Elected Office

- Colonial School District, elected to the Board of School Directors (2011 – 2015 Term)

Professional Memberships

Member:

- [International Trademark Association](#) (INTA)
- [American Bar Association – IPL Section](#) (ABA-IPL)
- [Pennsylvania Bar Association, IP Law Section](#) (PBA)
- [Montgomery \[County, PA\] Bar Association](#)
- [New Jersey State Bar Association](#) (NJBSA)

International Trademark Association:

- Legislation and Regulation Committee – 2022 - present
 - U.S. Legislation Subcommittee – 2022 – present

American Bar Association – Intellectual Property Law Section:

- Council Member – 2018 – 2022; 2022 – 2024
- Liaison to USPTO's Trademark Public Advisory Committee (TPAC) – 2024 - present
- Liaison to IP Association Leadership on Trademark Issues – 2018 – present
- Member, Policy Development Advisory Committee 2022 – 2024
- Chair – Trademarks Division – 2016 – 2018
- Vice Chair – Trademarks Division – 2014 – 2016
- Co-Chair, Joint Task Force on Online Piracy and Counterfeiting (Anti-Piracy Task Force) – 2011 – 2014
- Member, CLE Board – 2014 – 2021
- Chair, Trademark Legislation Committee – 2011 – 2013
- Vice Chair, Trademark Legislation Committee – 2009 – 2011

Representative Cases

Federal District Courts

- ***Charming Beats LLC v. David Mielcarek et al.*** (E.D.N.Y.) (copyright infringement) (Pro bono counsel for defendant)
- ***Deere & Company v. Holland Lawn Mower et al.*** (E.D. Pa.) (trademark infringement) (Plaintiff's counsel)
- ***Pet Valu Canada Inc. v. BSB Veterinary Corp.*** (N.D. Cal.) (trademark infringement) (Plaintiff's counsel)

- ***CDOC, Inc. et al v. Gradient Insurance Brokerage, Inc. and American Senior Benefits*** (N.D. Ill.) (trademark infringement, unfair competition) (Plaintiff's counsel)
- ***Mnemaniam, Inc. v. Forrest*** (E.D. Pa.) (trademark infringement) (Plaintiff's counsel)
- ***Quadratec, Inc. v. The Auto Shops, LLC d/b/a/ ALLTHINGSJEEP.COM*** (E.D. Pa.) (copyright infringement) (Defendant's counsel)
- ***Rejuvatek Medical, Inc. v. Tataway Pennsylvania, LLC et al.*** (E.D. Pa.) (trademark infringement) (Defendants' counsel)
- ***Quadratec, Inc. v. Turn 5, Inc.*** (E.D. Pa.) (copyright infringement, trademark infringement, unfair competition, PA deceptive trade practices) (Defendant's counsel)

Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB)

- ***Spencer Gifts LLC v. Haunted Spirits LLC*** (Opposition – Plaintiff's Counsel)
- ***Cutting Edge Beverages LLC BioTribe Holistics*** (Opposition – Plaintiff's Counsel)
- ***Advertising Specialty Institute, Inc. v. Art Knife International*** (Oppositions – Plaintiff's Counsel)
- ***Alanric Food Distributors, Inc. v. Guzman Y Gomez (Holdings) Pty Ltd.*** (Opposition – Plaintiff's Counsel)
- ***CDOC, Inc. v. UnitedHealth Group Inc.*** (Opposition – Plaintiff's Counsel)
- ***Spencer Gifts, LLC v. Emerging Industry Technologies, Inc.*** (Oppositions – Plaintiff's Counsel)
- ***Famous Smoke Shop-PA, Inc. v. Synge LLC*** (Opposition – Plaintiff's Counsel)
- ***General Re Corporation v. CDOC, Inc.*** (Opposition – Defendant's Counsel)
- ***AdvoCare International, L.P. v. Cutting Edge Beverages, LLC*** (Opposition – Defendant's Counsel)
- ***EN-R-G Foods, LLC v. Cutting Edge Beverages, LLC*** (Opposition – Defendant's Counsel)
- ***PUMA SE v. Pet Valu Canada Inc.*** (Opposition – Defendant's Counsel)
- ***Cutting Edge Beverages, LLC v. UpTempo Sports, LLC*** (Opposition – Plaintiff's Counsel)
- ***CDOC, Inc. v. Liberty Bankers Life Insurance Co., The Capitol Life Insurance Co.*** (Opposition – Plaintiff's Counsel)
- ***Spencer Gifts, LLC v. Marks and Spencer PLC*** (Opposition – Plaintiff's Counsel)
- ***Tataway LLC and Tataway Pennsylvania LLC v. Rejuvatek Medical, Inc.*** (Cancellation – Plaintiffs' Counsel)

World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) – Domain Disputes

- ***Spencer Gifts LLC v. fan hua and zhang rong hua*** (Complainant's counsel)
- ***Wide Wing Financing, LLC v. Yong heng furniture city*** (Complainant's counsel)

* Matters listed include representations occurring prior to joining Neal & McDevitt