

Gina Cornelio

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Gina structures patent portfolios and defends against infringement claims so that companies—from consumer electronics giants to emerging technology startups—turn their inventions into enforceable, competitively durable assets.

Gina counsels clients on the full arc of patent strategy, from the earliest filing decisions through enforcement and defense. Whether she is building a portfolio from the ground up or helping a client respond to an infringement accusation, Gina's focus is the same: translate technical innovation into intellectual property rights that hold up when challenged and create real competitive leverage.

Gina's patent prosecution practice spans a wide range of technologies—consumer product devices, aerospace, artificial intelligence, computer architecture, electrical circuits, mechanical devices, semiconductor devices, displays, and batteries. She leads invention harvesting sessions, develops U.S. and international filing strategies that weigh utility and design protection options, and draws on her prior experience as a Patent Examiner at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to help clients compress prosecution timelines and reduce costs.

On the enforcement and clearance side, Gina advises clients on inter partes review (IPR) proceedings before the USPTO, opinions of non-infringement and validity, portfolio and landscape analysis, and due diligence in transactions involving intellectual property. She also works closely with Dorsey's China practice to identify and shut down third-party infringers and counterfeit products—an increasingly critical front for companies with global supply chains and consumer-facing brands.

Gina's clients include multinational corporations, consumer product companies, technology companies, and startups across industries including artificial intelligence, aerospace, entertainment, and sustainability.

Education

- University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law (J.D., 2009)
 - *summa cum laude*
 - Order of the Coif
 - Ares Fellowship
- Colorado School of Mines (B.S., Engineering, Speciality in Electrical Engineering, 2005)
 - President's Senior Scholar Athlete Award
 - Dean's List
 - Hall of Fame – Women's Basketball

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Select Experience

- Leads patent portfolio development and intellectual property risk management for a leading aerospace and unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) company, advising on innovations in autonomous systems, software, and advanced aviation technologies.
- Serves as key outside intellectual property counsel to a global entertainment and theme park company, supporting patent procurement and portfolio strategy for emerging entertainment, robotics, software, and immersive technologies.
- Regularly counsels CTOs, engineering leaders, and technology companies on generative AI, open-source software, intellectual property risk management, and AI governance best practices.
- Successfully defended 16 patents covering foundational computer networking, signaling, and communications technologies in inter partes review proceedings before the USPTO.

Clerkships

- Arizona Pima County Superior Court, Honorable Judge Bernini, 2004–2004

Professional Affiliations

- Colorado General Counsel Mentor Program, 2020

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*®
 - Intellectual Property Litigation, 2026-2027
 - Patent Law, 2023-2024, 2026-2027
- *Managing IP*, IP Star, 2024-2026
- *IAM Patent 1000*, "World's Leading Patent Professionals," 2023-2026

Select Presentations

- Panelist, "Innovators, startups hear advice from the experts at IQ," BizWest IQ Awards, December 10, 2021

Insights

August 1, 2024

Patent Office Publishes Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance

July 28, 2023

Dorsey Attorneys Discuss IP Tips for Companies to Keep in Mind as Generative AI Tools Face Infringement Lawsuits

June 9, 2023

Dorsey Partner Gina Cornelio Speaks at Mercury 100's IQ Awards Panel and

Discusses Venture-Capital Investment Trends

December 23, 2021

Achieving Marketplace Advantage With Targeted Design Rights

August 4, 2021

Outmaneuver the Competition With Accelerated Patent Prosecution

October 23, 2018

Dorsey Partner Gina Cornelio Discusses Importance of IP for Startups

March 23, 2018

Dorsey Partner Gina Cornelio Discusses Changes US Patent System