Holland & Hart

PRACTICES

Patent Preparation, Prosecution, and Counseling
Intellectual Property Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Technology

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Law School, J.D., 2001
Order of the Coif

Grinnell College, B.A., 1997
Chemistry
With Honors

Harvard Law School, Mediation and Conflict Management Certification, 2025

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

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Amanda is a nationally recognized patent litigator who guides technology companies through high-stakes disputes around the country with clear strategy, decisive advocacy, and business-first risk management.

Amanda represents technology companies of all sizes from around the world in their most business-critical patent and intellectual property disputes, often involving significant financial exposure and competitive implications. She serves as lead trial counsel in patent infringement, licensing, and indemnity disputes in federal courts nationwide, before the US International Trade Commission, before the PTAB, on appeal, and in arbitration.

Clients rely on Amanda for clear, candid guidance and disciplined strategy from the first signs of a dispute through dispositive motions, claim construction, trial, settlement, and appeal. She is often called when cases involve multiple patents, standards-driven technologies, or supply-chain pressure, including indemnity and contractual issues that can quickly become enterprise-wide business risks.

Amanda is particularly known for her work in standard-essential patent (SEP) and FRAND matters, as well as disputes involving sophisticated technologies where success depends on making complicated engineering understandable to decision-makers. Clients value her ability to translate dense technical records into persuasive narratives, keep teams aligned under tight deadlines, and execute strategies that support business objectives.

Amanda approaches disputes with a practical, solution-oriented mindset informed by her Harvard Law School Mediation and Conflict Management certification. She also serves as a neutral in technology-related matters, including mediations and arbitrations.

Before joining Holland & Hart, Amanda was a partner at Ashurst Perkins Coie. Following law school, she served as a law clerk to then Chief Justice Michael Bender of the Colorado Supreme Court and to then Chief Judge Wiley Y. Daniel of the US District Court for the District of Colorado.

EXPERIENCE

Specialized Technology Sectors

- Cellular telecommunications (2G/3G/LTE/5G) and standards-based

technologies.

- Wi-Fi and wireless networking.
- Semiconductors and semiconductor packaging.
- Audio and video codecs; media and streaming technologies.
- GPS, geofencing, and location-based technologies.
- Software and data-driven systems (including databases).
- Medical devices and life sciences technologies.
- Chemistry, pharmaceuticals, and biotechnology.
- Mechanical and electromechanical devices.

Patent Litigation (Federal Courts)

- Pre-litigation assessment and strategy development, including early risk evaluation and response planning.
- Patent infringement disputes for technology companies, including multi-patent and multi-defendant matters.
- Claim construction, summary judgment, Daubert/expert issues, trial preparation, and trial.
- Early case assessment and risk-based defense strategies aligned to business objectives.
- Competitor disputes involving parallel business issues (e.g., licensing, contract, and indemnity).

ITC Section 337 Investigations

- Section 337 investigations involving high-tech products and complex supply chains.
- Coordinating district court strategy with ITC investigations.

SEP / FRAND, Licensing & Standards-Related Disputes

- Disputes involving standard-essential patents and FRAND licensing positions.
- SEP litigation strategy and coordination with parallel licensing/business negotiations.
- Advising on standards-driven risk, including product and supply-chain considerations.

Arbitration & Alternative Dispute Resolution (AAA / ICC)

- Technology and IP-focused arbitrations, including patent and licensing-related contract disputes.
- Neutral services in high-tech disputes, including mediation and arbitration (where appropriate/desired).

Supply-Chain & Indemnity Disputes Involving IP

- Supplier/foundry and packaging contractor indemnity disputes involving IP allegations.
- Contract and warranty disputes tied to IP risk in technology

transactions and acquisitions.

CLIENT RESULTS

Patent Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Represents clients in complex patent and related high-technology litigation involving semiconductors, wireless communications, software, GPS technology, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and biotechnology.

Serves as lead counsel in multi-patent disputes in federal courts, before the US International Trade Commission (ITC), and before the Patent Trial & Appeal Board (PTAB).

Has handled patent matters through all stages of litigation, including obtaining preliminary injunctions, trial, settlement, and appeal.

SEP, Licensing & Arbitration

Represents clients in disputes involving cellular communications technologies, including 2G, 3G, LTE, and 5G standards, and other standards-based technologies, such as Wi-Fi/802.11, codecs (e.g., HEVC, H.265), and video streaming.

Advises clients in standard-essential patent (SEP) and technology licensing disputes.

Has served as lead counsel in numerous confidential AAA and ICC arbitrations involving patent and licensing disputes, supplier and foundry indemnity claims, and other IP-related contractual and milestone earnout matters.

Technology Industry Experience

Represents clients in disputes involving semiconductor devices, wireless technologies, audio codecs, memory systems, GPS and geofencing technologies, wearable devices, databases, pharmaceuticals, and biotechnology innovations.

Has successfully represented clients including Broadcom, Huawei, Fitbit, MACOM, Microsoft, Motorola Mobility, and Trimble in patent litigation and related intellectual property disputes.

Brings extensive experience managing multi-patent disputes across multiple courts, arbitration forums, and the ITC.

PUBLICATIONS

"Top 10 FRAND developments of 2022," *IAM*, December 21, 2022

"10 Ways In-House IP Counsel Can Get Ahead Amid Quarantine," *Law360*, April 17, 2020

"New Rules Give ITC Subpoena Recipients A Break," *Law360*, June 26, 2018

"Best Practices for IPR Proceedings and Real Party In Interest," *WIPR*, December 6, 2016

"Real Parties in Interest: Proceed with Caution," *World IP Review*, November 8, 2016

"Commil v. Cisco – 1 Year Later," *Law360*, May 25, 2016

"Federal Rule Changes Should Not Affect Subpoena Practice," *Law360*, January 27, 2016

"Top 10 Alice Cases of 2015," *Law360*, December 17, 2015

"Eastern Texas Is Not Jumping On The Alice Bandwagon," *Law360*, September 23, 2015

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"IP Damages: Everything You've Wanted to Know," *IP Inn CLE*, April 8, 2026

"Experts: Your Questions Answered," *CLE*, January 20, 2026

"The Cost of Patent Litigation: Trends in Who Pays & Why," *CLE*, April 15, 2025

"Attorney-Client Privilege for Patent Prosecutors," *CLE*, October 10, 2024

RECOGNITION

- *Chambers USA*, Intellectual Property, 2017-2026
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation: Intellectual Property; Litigation: Patent, 2018-2027
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation – Intellectual Property "Lawyer of the Year," 2022
- *5280 Magazine*, Top Lawyers, Intellectual Property Litigation, 2021-2026
- *IAM Patent 1000*, Litigation, 2012-2026
- *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Litigators in America, IP Litigation, Patent, 2027
- *Thomson Reuters*, Stand-out Lawyers, 2024
- *IAM* Global Leader, 2024
- *Managing IP*, IP Star, 2022-2024
- *Colorado Super Lawyers*®, Intellectual Property Litigation, 2013-2017

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- Rocky Mountain IP Inn of Court, Founding Board Member, 2009
- ChIPs

- Colorado Bar Association, IP Section