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Bio

Deanna Tanner Okun is an international trade lawyer providing legal and strategic advice to steer companies through the intersection where innovation confronts barriers, such as intellectual property theft, unfair trade practices, or regulatory hurdles.

Deanna has extensive experience as a top administrator, regulator, enforcer, legislative aide, and lawyer. She served two terms as Chairman during her twelve years of service as a member of the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC). During her tenure as a Commissioner, she ruled on hundreds of cases involving allegations of patent, trademark and copyright infringement as well as other types of unfair acts such as trade secrets. Prior to her appointment to the ITC, she served as counsel for international affairs to U.S. Senator Frank Murkowski, Chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and senior member of the Finance and Foreign Relations Committees, and practiced international trade law with a large DC-based law firm. During her tenure at the ITC, Deanna was nominated to be Deputy United States Trade Representative.

In 2012, Deanna was named the Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Association of Women in International Trade, a chapter of the Organization of Women in International Trade. She has served on the Federal Circuit Advisory Council since 2013. In 2017, for the fifth consecutive year, Managing Intellectual Property named Deanna one of the Top 250 Women in IP.

Education

- Duke University School of Law, J.D., with honors
- Executive Editor, Alaska Law Review
- Utah State University, B.A., magna cum laude

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Pennsylvania (Inactive)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Memberships

American Intellectual Property Law Association

- American Bar Association
- Customs and International Trade Bar Association (Board Member and Co-Chair, International Trade Committee)
- Federal Circuit Advisory Council
- Federal Circuit Bar Association (Board Member)
- ITC Trial Lawyers Association
- Trade Policy Forum
- Washington International Trade Association
- The Association of Women in International Trade (WIIT)

News & Insights

2018 Rankings Released

AMS is honored to be ranked in the top tier in Section 337 practice by Chambers USA.

MIP's 2018 Top 250 Women in IP

For the sixth consecutive year, AMS attorney Deanna Tanner Okun was named in Managing Intellectual Property's Top 250 Women in IP.

LeadershIP 2018

Deanna Tanner Okun will participate in a panel on Antitrust issues at the LeadershIP 2018 conference.

Defending Intellectual Property: Is Section 337 the Right Answer?

On March 28, AMS attorneys Tom Schaumberg and Deanna Tanner Okun will participate in a panel discussion at the Center for Strategic and International Studies on the role of Section 337 in defending intellectual property rights.

ITC Litigation & Enforcement

AMS is proud to sponsor the American Conference Institute's 10th Expert Forum on ITC Litigation & Enforcement.

Safeguards Win for Whirlpool

AMS attorney Deanna Tanner Okun successfully represented Whirlpool Corporation in a safeguards petition regarding large residential washers.

A Centennial History of the United States International Trade Commission

To mark its first 100 years, the Commission has published A Centennial History of the United States International Trade Commission.

Business Alignment Personified: Deanna Tanner Okun

Corporate Counsel's Sue Reisinger recently interviewed Mark Chandler, senior vice president, general counsel, and chief compliance officer of Cisco Systems Inc. on the topic of business alignment and how he chooses outside counsel.

Trade Secret Theft Occurring Overseas

AMS is pleased to co-host a conference with Merchant & Gould.

The Perryman Company Secures First Negative Preliminary AD/CVD Vote Since 2009

The Perryman Company, represented by AMS attorneys Deanna Tanner Okun, Elizabeth Duall Regard, and Rowan M. Dougherty, secured the first negative preliminary AD/CVD vote at the ITC since 2009.

Deanna Tanner Okun Named in IP Stars' Top 250 Women in IP 2017

Managing Intellectual Property has named Deanna Tanner Okun in IP Stars' Top 250 Women in IP for the fifth consecutive year.

Tom Schaumberg and Deanna Tanner Okun to Present at LES 2017 Spring Meeting

AMS attorneys Tom M. Schaumberg and Deanna Tanner Okun will be speaking at the Licensing Executives Society 2017 Spring Meeting.

2017 Legal Rankings Released

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Deanna Tanner Okun on MSNBC

AMS attorney Deanna Tanner Okun appeared on MSNBC on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Deanna Tanner Okun to Speak at LeadershiP 2017

AMS attorney Deanna Tanner Okun will present on "IP Policy in the New Administration" at the LeadershIP 2017 Conference at the Newseum on March 27, 2017.

US Must Bolster Fight With China Over Intellectual Property Rights

On March 10, 2017, Deanna Tanner Okun published an opinion piece in The Hill entitled "US Must Bolster Fight with China over Intellectual Property Rights".

Lou Mastriani & Deanna Tanner Okun to Speak at 9th Expert Forum on ITC Litigation and Enforcement

AMS attorneys Lou Mastriani and Deanna Tanner Okun will present at the American Conference Institute's 9th Expert Forum on ITC Litigation & Enforcement.

Trade and Trade Agreements: Europe, UK, and US

On October 14, Deanna Tanner Okun will moderate a panel on Trade and Trade Agreements at the Federal Circuit Bar Association Global Series Europe 2016 conference. The focus of this year's conference is Innovation, Intellectual Property, Trade: Finding a Clear Path.

Section 337 and the ITC – At the Leading Edge of Global IP Trade Concerns

On June 24, Deanna Tanner Okun will participate in a panel entitled "Section 337 and the International Trade Commission – At the Leading Edge of Global IP Trade Concerns" at the FCBA Bench & Bar Annual Conference in Nashville, TN.

What are the Effects of the TPP?

Deanna Tanner Okun will moderate a panel hosted by the Federal Circuit Bar Association and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on May 13, 2016. The event is part of the Federal Circuit Bar Association's Global Series on Innovation and Trade

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Judiciary Committee Hearing

Deanna Tanner Okun will testify on April 14 at a hearing on "International Trade Committee (ITC) Patent Litigation" before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet.

Protecting Your Inventions From Foreign Knockoffs

Deanna Tanner Okun attended the world-famous SXSW Conference in Austin, Texas, where she participated in a panel entitled "Protecting Your Inventions From Foreign Knockoffs."

Current Trends at the ITC

Deanna Tanner Okun participated in a panel on Current Trends at the ITC at the 2016 Georgetown University Law Center 37th Anniversary International Trade Update.

Section 337 Litigation at the ITC

The University of Akron School of Law recently hosted its Fourth Annual Naples Patent Experts Conference.

How do Recent Agency Actions, Court Decisions, and WTO Decisions Impact Lawyers and Companies Bringing Cases Under Title VII and Section 337 of the Trade Act?

Deanna Tanner Okun will moderate a Federal Circuit Bar Association townhall discussion on the topic "How do Recent Agency Actions, Court Decisions, and WTO Decisions Impact Lawyers and Companies Bringing Cases Under Title VII and Section 337 of the Trade Act?"

Legal 500 Tier I Rankings

Adduci, Mastriani & Schaumberg, LLP has "...one of the most robust ITC practices in the nation."

Commentary on Trade and Intellectual Property: Other Perspectives

Deanna Tanner Okun will be participating on a panel discussing "Commentary on Trade and Intellectual Property" on May 11, 2015.

ITC Increasing Efficiency of Exclusion Order Proceedings

Corporate Counsel magazine published an article by Deanna Tanner Okun, Paul M. Bartkowski, and Thomas R. Burns, Jr., entitled "ITC Increasing Efficiency of Exclusion Order Proceedings".

Smartphones and the Patent Battleground - Is Peace At Hand?

Deanna Tanner Okun moderates a panel on the smartphone wars at the ABA Intellectual Property Law Conference.

ITC Alumni Panel Q&A: the Inner Workings of the ITC and Common Misconceptions

Deanna Tanner Okun will participate on a panel discussing the inner workings of the ITC on February 24 at the American Conference Institute Forum on ITC Litigation and Enforcement.

Speech Innovation Nation: Intellectual Property and the Global Economy (November, 2014) has been created.

Deanna Tanner Okun will speak at Bloomberg Government's "Innovation Nation: Intellectual Property and the Global Economy"

The State of the Mobile Economy: Innovation, Investment and Economic Impact Around the World

On Wednesday, September 10, 2014, Deanna Tanner Okun will participate in a discussion of the state of the mobile economy at Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.

Deanna Tanner Okun will participate in an Industry Leader Panel at the Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property Inaugural Summer Institute in Patent Law

On July 24, 2014, Deanna will participate in an industry leader panel on the topic "What We Wish Professors and Policy Analysts Knew About Patents and the Innovation Industries".

Best Practices - Innovation and Procurement and Trade at the Federal Circuit Bar Association and U.S. Chamber of Commerce Conference

On Friday, May 23, 2014, Deanna Tanner Okun will be moderating a panel entitled Best Practices - Innovation and Procurement and Trade at the Federal Circuit Bar Association and U.S. Chamber of Commerce Conference

Deanna Tanner Okun To Receive the USU Distinguished Service Award

Deanna Tanner Okun will receive the Utah State University 2014 Distinguished Service Award on March 7, 2014, in Logan, Utah.

Listen to the Factual Record on the ITC, Not the Broken One

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Invention, IP and Jobs: The Economic and Innovation Role of the U.S. Patent System, at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

Does the ITC Need eBay?

Deanna Tanner Okun and Evan Langdon argue that calls by the White House and Congress for tougher rules on exclusion order requests by patent assertion entities are unwarranted.

ITC Can Take Steps To Enforce Its Own Exclusion Orders

Deanna Tanner Okun and Jonathan J. Engler have written an article published by the National Law Journal regarding the White House Task Force on High-Tech Patent Issues released on June 4, 2013.

White House Adds Muscle to Patent Reform Push

Deanna Tanner Okun Quoted in Politico Article

Duke Law Institute

Duke Law Center for Judicial Studies, in Durham, North Carolina, in association with the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), hosts the Patent Law Institute from May 13-17, 2013.

International Trade Commission Trial Lawyers Association and the Federal Circuit Bar Association Joint Spring Program

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Innovation and Global Trade, Harnessing Opportunities and Overcoming Challenges

On May 9, 2013, Deanna Tanner Okun will present Innovation and Global Trade, Harnessing Opportunities and Overcoming Challenges at the National Economists Club Luncheon.

Hot Topics at the U.S. International Trade Commission

The American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), hosts its Annual Spring Meeting at the Westin Seattle Hotel, Seattle, Washington from May 1-3, 2013.

Deanna Tanner Okun testifies before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet.

Former U.S. International Trade Commission Chairman Deanna Tanner Okun was a witness during the live hearing on "Abusive Patent Litigation: The Issues Impacting American Competitiveness and Job Creation at the International Trade Commission and Beyond" before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet in the Rayburn House Office Building.

Smartphones and the Patent Battleground

The American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Intellectual Property Law hosts the 28th Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference International Trade Update from April 3-5, 2013 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia.

Patent Licensing and the U.S. International Trade Commission

Former Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC), Deanna Tanner Okun, participates in the Washington Legal Foundation's CONVERSATIONS.

2012 United States International Trade Commission, Year In Review

Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. hosts the 2013 International Trade Update from February 28-March 1, 2013.

Inside the Political Debate Concerning the Changing Face of ITC Litigation

The American Conference Institute ("ACI") hosts its 5th Expert Forum on ITC Litigation & Enforcement at the Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C. on February 25-27, 2013.

Business Leadership Week

The McCoy College of Business Administration at Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, welcomes Deanna Tanner Okun as the Keynote Speaker for its 2013 Business Leadership Week, February 4-7, 2013.

ITC Focuses on the Facts, Not the Hype

Former ITC Commissioner Deanna Tanner Okun's article entitled "ITC Focuses on the Facts not the Hype "challenges the erroneous assumption that the U.S. International Trade Commission is an easier forum for non-practicing entities (NPEs) to obtain relief.