



DAWN-MARIE BEY

PARTNER

PROFILE

Founder of a woman-owned law firm, Ms. Bey is a recognized intellectual property legal expert with more than 30 years of combined government and law firm experience. Clients range from start-ups to Fortune 100 companies.

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RECOGNITIONS

Best Lawyers in America (2018-2027) • Best Lawyers 2022, 2024 Lawyer of the Year – Patent Law in Richmond, Virginia • SuperLawyer (2014-2026) • Top 50 Women in PTAB Trials • Virginia Lawyers Weekly Influential Women Class of 2025

INTERESTS

Philanthropy: Founder & Director of Period Patch, Inc. (2015-Pres)
www.periodpatch.org

EXPERIENCE

BEY & COTROPIA PLLC

PARTNER & FOUNDER

APRIL 2013-PRESENT

- Provide legal advice on intellectual property (IP) issues.
- Extensive patent prosecution experience across numerous technical fields including emerging technologies.
- Core practice is large patent portfolio management, including preparation, prosecution and maintenance of patent applications both in the US and abroad. Experience with appeals to Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).
- Specialized experience with IP and government contracts.
- Prepare, review and negotiate IP agreements.
- Perform IP due diligence in support of license in/out and M&A.

KING & SPALDING

PARTNER

SEPTEMBER 2007-MARCH 2013

Practice focused on client counseling with respect to all facets of intellectual property law, with particular emphasis on patent procurement and patent portfolio management, due diligence, licensing, opinions and litigation support.

KILPATRICK TOWNSEND & STOCKTON

PARTNER/ASSOCIATE

JANUARY 1999-SEPTEMBER 2007

Built and maintained patent portfolios for multiple Fortune 200 companies. Assisted with IP-related M&A due diligence, licensing, opinions and litigation support.

UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT EXAMINER

DECEMBER 1994-DECEMBER 1998

Examined patent applications in the following arts: optical modulators, optical lenses, liquid crystal displays, lasers and semiconductors.

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Intellectual Property Concentration

BACHELOR OF ARTS, PHYSICS MINOR, ASTRONOMY

FRANKLIN & MARSHALL COLLEGE

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Georgetown University, Guest Lecturer, “IP & Commercialization” Department of Physics (July 2024)

Georgetown University, Invention 2 Innovation (I2I) OTC Presentation, “Spotting Patent-Eligible Inventions: Devices and Software” (February 2016)

Chapter 30 – USA in “The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Patents 2013,” (September 2012, Global Legal Group, Ltd.)(co-author)

Patent Reform – The Fuss About First-To-File, *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*(June 2011)

5th Annual Advanced Patent Law Institute: Panel on “Patentable Subject Matter and Practice Strategies in the Shadow of *Bilski*” (January 2010; Moderator)

Book Chapter in “The Impact of *Bilski* on Business Method Patents Leading Lawyers on Navigating Procedural Changes, Forming New Patent Filing Strategies, and Forecasting Future Developments: Responses to *Bilski*: Rejections, Suggestions and Follow-On Case Law,” (August 2009, Aspatore Books, a Thomson Business)

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Quanta v. LG Electronics: Further Restrictions on Patent Rights; but not an Exhaustion Windfall, *Landslide* (Vol. 1, No. 1 – Sept./Oct. 2008)

Authority and Issues to Consider Prior to Entering into Funding Agreements with the Federal Government, *Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal* (April 2006)

There’s No Free Lunch: Before Accepting Government Funding To Help Develop Or Build A Security Product, Companies Must Understand How It Could Alter Their Intellectual Property Rights To The Product, *Security Management Magazine* (June 2005)

Shifting the Burden of Proving Patentability Vel Non In View of *Dickinson v. Zurko*, *Journal of Intellectual Property Law*, Vol. 12, No. 1 (Fall 2004)

Supreme Court Rules on Key Patent Infringement Doctrine, *Washington Legal Foundation*, Vol. 17, No. 26 (2002)

Time-resolved Measurements of X-ray Damage to Optical Coatings, *J. APP. PHYS.*, Vol. 81, No. 3 (1997) (co-author)

Spectroscopic Diagnostics in a Colliding Blast-wave Experiment, *PHY. REV. E.*, Vol. 49, No. 2 (1994) (co-author)

Soft X-ray Output from a Laser-produced Plasma, *J. QUANT. SPEC. and RAD. TRANS.*, Vol. 51, No. 1-2 (1994) (co-author)

X-ray Damage to Optical Components Using Laser-plasma Source, *J. APP. PHYS.*, Vol. 74, No. 9 (1993) (co-author)