

Vera Ranieri

Staff Attorney, Electronic


EXPERIENCE *Staff Attorney*

Electronic Frontier Foundation, San Francisco, CA
May 2014 - Present

- Staff Attorney focusing on intellectual property matters, and more specifically, patent reform
- Regular speaker and writer on issues relating to patent law and the need for reform so as to better promote innovation
- Lead writer and contributor of several amicus curiae briefs at all levels of the Federal Judiciary

A list of representative judicial filings and publications is attached.

Intellectual Property Litigation Associate

Greenberg Traurig, LLP, San Francisco, CA
Fall 2010 - May 2014

- Lead associate on multiple, concurrent intellectual property litigation matters, responsible for proposing strategy, drafting motions, propounding and responding to discovery, and trial
- Regular advisor to clients regarding intellectual property risks associated with new product development, and in particular, risks relating to music copyrights
- Pro Bono attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation for its 'Save Podcasting' campaign

Research Assistant

Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic, Ottawa, Canada
January 2010

- Copyright reform and privacy legal researcher
- Involved in extensive testing of Facebook to search for potential privacy violations
- Substantively edited Wikipedia to reflect recent developments in Canadian intellectual property law

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EXPERIENCE *Legal Intern*

Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Redwood Shores, CA
Summer 2009

- Summer Associate in patent and new media litigation practice groups
- Offer for permanent employment received

Google Policy Fellow - Legal Intern

Center for Democracy & Technology, Washington, D.C.
Summer 2008

- Investigator and reporter on legal issues related to the Internet, including free speech, searches and seizures, copyright, and FCC regulations
- Contributed substantially to an amicus brief filed in the Central District of California

EDUCATION *Juris Doctor*

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
2010

- Article Editor for Journal of Law & Technology
- Participant in ACS Moot Court
- Emphasis on intellectual property and new media coursework

Bachelor of Science, with distinction, Mathematics; minor Computer Science

Mount Allison University, Sackville, Canada
2006

- Recipient of David Gilchrist Chalmers Prize in Mathematics for Excellence in Math and Community Involvement, 2004 and 2006
- One of ten national recipients of Canadian Distributed Mentorship Program Scholarship for Women in Computer Science, 2005
- Teaching assistant for Mathematics and Physics Departments
- Member of University Judicial Council, the 7-member body tasked with adjudicating non-academic related infractions

OTHER
SKILLS

Proficient in French, basic knowledge of Russian. Strong technical background with knowledge of several programming languages and their theoretical underpinnings.

SELECTED WRITINGS AND PUBLICATIONS

Amicus Curiae Briefs:

Commil USA, LLC, v. Cisco Systems, Inc., No. 13-896, Supreme Court, February 26, 2015.

Richard A Williamson v. Citrix Online, LLC, Case No. 2013-1130, Federal Circuit, December 18, 2014.

Cindy Lee Garcia v. Google, Inc., Youtube LLC, et al, and Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, et al., Case No. 12-57302, Ninth Circuit November 25, 2014.

DietGoal Innovations, LLC v. Bravo Media LLC, Case No. 14-1631, Federal Circuit, November 24, 2014.

Ultramercial, LLC, v. Hulu, LLC, Case No. 2010-1544, Federal Circuit, August 28, 2014.

Online publications (EFF):

In the Spirit of the Holidays: It's Not Too Late for Uber to Avoid Stupid Patent of the Month, December 29, 2014, <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/12/spirit-holidays-its-not-too-late-uber-avoid-stupid-patent-month>

EFF Asks Court to Shine Light on Patent Troll's Claims, December 9, 2014, <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/12/eff-asks-court-shine-light-patent-trolls-claims>

EFF to Court: Don't Waste Time, A "Picture Menu" is Not Patentable, November 25, 2014, <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/11/eff-court-dont-waste-time-picture-menu-not-patentable>

October's Very Bad, No Good, Totally Stupid Patent of the Month: Filming A Yoga Class, October 30, 2014, <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/10/octobers-very-bad-no-good-totally-stupid-patent-month-filming-yoga-class>

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Updated, Victory! Cost of Defending Against A Troll Is More Than Just A Bridge Toll, October 29, 2014, <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/08/cost-defending-against-troll-more-just-bridge-toll>

Introducing EFF's Stupid Patent of the Month, July 31, 2014, <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/07/inaugural-stupid-patent-month>

Why Do Patent Trolls Go to Texas? It's Not for the BBQ, July 9, 2014, <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/07/why-do-patent-trolls-go-texas-its-not-bbq>

Bad Day for Bad Patents: Supreme Court Unanimously Strikes Down Abstract Software Patent, June 19, 2014, <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/06/bad-day-bad-patents-supreme-court-unanimously-strikes-down-abstract-software>

Supreme Court Overrules Federal Circuit Again. And Again, June 2, 2014, <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/06/supreme-court-overrules-federal-circuit-again-and-again>

Senator Leahy Kills Patent Reform (For Now), May 21, 2014, <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2014/05/senator-leahy-kills-patent-reform-now>