

# **Beverly A. Berneman**

## *Curriculum Vitae*

### **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- Experienced in all aspects of Intellectual Property Law, Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Law.
- Management of client Intellectual Property portfolios, including registration and maintenance of trademarks, copyrights, patents and trade secrets.
- Experienced in organized, persuasive, and coherent legal writing, covering a wide range of legal practice including Intellectual Property protection, transactions, litigation and bankruptcy.
- Skilled in arbitration and mediation of legal issues.
- Well-versed in all aspects of trial and appellate advocacy.
- Effective legal instruction.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### ***2010 - Present      Partner, Golan Christie Taglia LLP***

- Chair of the Intellectual Property Practice Group.
- Practice in all areas of commercial law with an emphasis in Intellectual Property Law, Entertainment Law and Bankruptcy Law.
- Representation of individual corporate clients in trademark and copyright registrations, protection of trade secrets, development of Intellectual Property Management Programs as well as the licensing, purchase and sale of Intellectual Property assets.
- Representation of clients in a wide range of industries including Banking and Finance, Business Consulting, Chemical testing, Construction, E-commerce, Education, Entertainment, Fitness, Food service, Hospitality, Legal, Manufacturing, Medical, Photography and Videography, Physical Therapy, Restaurants, Retail, Service providers, and Software development.
- As a legal theoretician and writer, primary duties include the development of legal strategies; research and drafting of pleadings memoranda; and briefs; client contact; drafting of discovery; analysis of discovery production; preparation for and conduct of depositions; preparation for and conduct of hearings and trials; preparation for and appearance before appellate tribunals; drafting of transactional documents involving the sale and purchase of real property, intellectual properties and the assets of companies; drafting of motions, disclosures, and plans in bankruptcy reorganizations.

#### ***2005 - 2010      Shareholder, Querrey & Harrow, Ltd.; Chair of Intellectual Property Practice Group***

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and the assets of companies; drafting of motions, disclosures, and plans in bankruptcy reorganizations.

***2000 - 2005                      Managing Member, Benjamin, Berneman, and Brom, LLC***

- As a legal theoretician and writer, primary duties include the development of legal strategies and representation of clients in all aspects of Intellectual Property Law, Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Law.
- As the firm's managing partner primary duties include hiring and training of personnel, payroll, accounts payable and accounts receivable.

***2002 - 2010                      Mediator***

- Member panel of commercial law mediators for the Cook County, Illinois, Law Division, voluntary mediation system.

***1995 – 2010                      Arbitrator***

- Member of panel of arbitrators for the Cook County, Illinois mandatory arbitration system.
- As a chair qualified arbitrator, duties include acting as supervising judge of the panel, with an emphasis on problem solving and a swift, practical resolution of disputes.

***2000 to 2010                      Partner, Benjamin, Berneman and Brom, LLP***

Practice concentrating in Bankruptcy and Commercial Litigation and Intellectual Property Law.

***1988 to 2000                      Partner, Benjamin and Berneman, Ltd.***

- Practice concentrating in Bankruptcy and Commercial Litigation and Intellectual Property Law.

***1985- 1988                      Associate, Robert Benjamin and Associates, Ltd.***

- Bankruptcy and Commercial litigation associate.

**ADMISSIONS**

- United States Supreme Court
- Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- State of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Illinois
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States Trademark Trial and Appeal Board

**EDUCATION/INSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE**

- 2002 to 2018 - Adjunct Professor, The John Marshall School of Law; Bankruptcy and Intellectual Property; and Financing the Development of Intellectual Property
- 2005 to 2010 - Adjunct Professor, Chicago Kent College of Law, Strategies in Intellectual Property
- 2006 to 2010 - Adjunct Professor, Chicago Kent College of Law, Intellectual Property Management; Financing the Development of Intellectual Property Assets

**AWARDS OF RECOGNITIONS**

ABA Journal 100 Best Legal Blawgs: Tenth Annual Honoree  
Leading Lawyer (2010 to present)  
Super Lawyer (2020 to present)

## BOOKS

- *CHOPPY WATERS; NAVIGATING THE INTERSECTION OF BANKRUPTCY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY*, Berneman, Chandler and Flores, *American Bankruptcy Institute*, 2020.
- *IP NEWS FOR BUSINESS – COMPENDIUM OF THE FIRST 10 YEARS*, Berneman, scheduled publication date 1/1/2025.

## REPRESENTATIVE ARTICLES AND OTHER WRITINGS

- *Bankruptcy Sale or Termination of Copyrights. Which One Rules?*; Illinois State Bar Association Intellectual Property Section Council Newsletter; March 2024.
- *Copyright Damages and the Statute of Limitations*; Illinois State Bar Association Intellectual Property Section Council Newsletter; December 2023.
- *Royalty Payments Treated as Dischargeable Debt in Bankruptcy*; Illinois State Bar Association Intellectual Property Section Council Newsletter; June 2023.
- *Copyright Small Claims Court: It's Almost Ready*; Illinois State Bar Association Intellectual Property Section Council Newsletter; March 10, 2022.
- *SAG-AFTRA Welcomes Influencers*; Illinois State Bar Association Intellectual Property Section Council Newsletter; December 2021.
- *Important Changes to Copyright and Trademark Law*; Illinois State Bar Association Intellectual Property Section Council Newsletter; March 2021.
- *The Benefits and Perils of Collaboration Software*, Golan Christie Taglia LLP Winter 2019 Newsletter.
- *Cyber-Critics: Responding To Defamatory Online Reviews*, Golan Christie Taglia LLP Fall 2018 Newsletter.
- *What To Do (Or Not To Do) When Receiving A Cease and Desist Letter*, Golan Christie Taglia LLP Spring 2018 Newsletter.
- *Sending A Cease And Desist Letter – What Is The Best Approach?*, Golan Christie Taglia LLP Winter 2018 Newsletter.
- *What Can a Business Do to Safeguard Against Cyberattacks?*, Golan Christie Taglia LLP Fall 2017 Newsletter.
- *Four Significant U.S. Supreme Court Decisions That Could Impact Your Business*, Golan Christie Taglia LLP Summer 2017 Newsletter.
- *The US Copyright Office Rules Protect Website Owners from User-Posted Content*, Golan Christie Taglia LLP Spring 2017 Newsletter.
- *"Work-For-Hire" Doctrine as Protection for your Software*, Golan Christie Taglia LLP Winter 2017 Newsletter.
- *When It's Too Good To Be True: The Underground Market For Intellectual Property*, Golan Christie Taglia LLP Fall 2016 Newsletter.
- *Defend Trade Secrets Act (DTSA) Becomes Law*, Golan Christie Taglia LLP Summer 2016 Newsletter
- *Open Source Licensing – Is it Right for You?* John Marshall Law School Center for Intellectual Property Law News Source (Fall 2008).

- *Intellectual Property and Bankruptcy: A Survey of the Intersection Between Two Diverse Areas of the Law*; New York Bar Association; CMJ 2008 Music Marathon: The Music Business Law Seminar (October 2008).
- *Open Source Licensing – Is it Right for You?* Querrey & Harrow Newsletter (May 2008).
- *Intellectual Property Client Strategies; A Holistic Approach to Protecting IP Assets*, Aspatore Books (2007).
- *Deepening Insolvency -- A New Cause of Action Against Directors And Officer; Are Your Managers At Risk?* Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. Newsletter (Fall 2006).
- *Lessons Learned from the Blackberry Litigation*, Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. Newsletter (Winter 2006).
- *Ten Things to Know About Copyright Protection for Architectural Works*, Querrey & Harrow, Ltd. Construction Newsletter (Winter 2006).
- *Good News for Bankruptcy Creditors in the Bankruptcy Abuse and Consumer Protection Act of 2005*, Querrey & Harrow, Ltd., Quarterly Newsletter (January 2006).
- *Intellectual Property and Bankruptcy*, Lorman Educational Services (2004 and 2006).
- *Ten Things Every Intellectual Property Practitioner Should Know About Secured Transactions*, Copyright Society, Philadelphia Chapter (2004).
- *Navigating the Bankruptcy Waters In a Domain Name Rowboat*, 3 J.MarshallRevIntell.Prop.L. 61 (2003).
- *Caveat Trade Secret Misappropriator: The Discharge of Trade Secret Misappropriation Debts*; John Marshall Law School Center for Intellectual Property News Source, Winter 2002.

#### **REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Golan Christie Taglia LLP – *IP Jeopardy 2024 Edition* –March 15, 2024
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP – *IP Jeopardy 2023 Edition* - May 4, 2023
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP Webinar – *Dangerous IP Myths* –November 16, 2022
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP – *IP Jeopardy 2022 Edition* –March 2, 2022
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP Webinar– *IP Boot Camp – Copyrights* - December 16, 2021
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP Webinar– *IP Boot Camp – Trademarks* - November 16, 2021
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP Webinar– *IP Boot Camp – Trade Secrets* - August 19, 2021
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP Webinar – *IP Boot Camp – Patents* –August 19, 2021
- Chicago Bar Association/Illinois Bar Association – *How to Avoid Bungling Bujsiness IP During Bankruptcy* –September 27, 2020
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP Webinar - *Innovation Transformation* - July 21, 2020
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP Webinar - *Dangerous Intellectual Property Myths* – October 11, 2019
- Columbia College – *Intellectual Property Basics for Illustration Majors* –November 26, 2018
- Illinois Paralegal Association Annual Meeting – *IP Jeopardy for Paralegals* –November 14, 2018
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP – *IP Jeopardy 2018 Edition* –May 1, 2018
- Chicago Exchange - *IP Jeopardy* — November 7, 2017
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP – *IP Jeopardy 2017 Edition* –May 2, 2017
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP – *IP Jeopardy 2016 Edition* –May 17, 2016
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP – *IP Jeopardy 2015 Edition* –May 20, 2015
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP – *IP Jeopardy 2014 Edition* –April 15, 2014
- Succession Planner Professional Group - *Intellectual Property Due Diligence for Succession Planning* — April 4, 2014
- Golan Christie Taglia LLP - *Protecting Website Content* — June 26, 2013
- KLTR - *Website Protection* — May 16, 2013

- Northshore Breakfast Group - *Branding Fundamentals* – March 17, 2012
- Chicago Bar Association - *Five Things You Should Know about Intellectual Property and Bankruptcy* — February 7, 2012
- Practicing Law Institute; *The Google Book Project; Putting It Into Perspective* (June 2009).
- Practicing Law Institute; *Intellectual Property Licenses; Open Source Licensing* (October 2008)
- Practicing Law Institute; *Licensing Copyrights; Open Source Model* (June 2008)
- Law Bulletin of Chicago; *Corporate Intellectual Property Conference* (February 2008)
- Lorman Educational Services; *Bankruptcy and Mechanics Liens* (September 2007, December 2007, October 2008)
- Practicing Law Institute; *Licensing Copyrights; Publishing Model* (June 2007)
- National Art Educators Association, *Copyright for the Art Teacher* (July 2006)
- Lorman Educational Services, *Bankruptcy Abuse and Consumer Protection Act of 2005* (2005 and 2006)
- Querrey & Harrow, Ltd., *Copyright Protection for Architectural Works* (November 2005)
- Practicing Law Institute; *Joint Ventures and Intellectual Property Development* (April 2005)
- National Copyright Society, Copyright Awareness Program; *The Copyright Quiz* (April 2004 to December 2006)
- Copyright Society, Midwest Chapter, *Secured Transactions and Intellectual Property* (November 2004)
- Practicing Law Institute; *Bankruptcy and Intellectual Property Licensing* (April 2004)
- Lorman Educational Services; *Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Law in Illinois* (June 2003)
- Practicing Law Institute; *Bankruptcy and Intellectual Property Licensing* (April 2003)
- Chicago Bar Association; *Advanced Issues in Trademark Licensing; Bankruptcy and Trademark Licensing* (April 2003)
- Copyright Society of the United States of America; *The Intersection between Copyright and Bankruptcy Law* (October 2002)
- Illinois Conference of Professional Accountant Teachers Association; *Intellectual Property in Bankruptcy; The Wild Cards of Bankruptcy* (October 2001)

## PODCASTS

- Deal Talk Sponsored by Morgan & Westfield: *Is Your Company's Intellectual Property Properly Protected?*
- The Becker Group Business Leasanship Podcast; *Strategies for the Development of Intellectual Property*.

## ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- American Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section
- Chicago Bar Association
- Copyright Society of the United States of America
  - Chair, Midwest Chapter, 2009-2011
  - Trustee, 2005-2007
  - Chair, Midwest Chapter, 2004-2006
  - Vice-Chair, Midwest Chapter, 2002-2003
- Illinois State Bar Association

## EDUCATION

2003 LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law *with Honors*, John Marshall School of Law

1985 Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, IIT Chicago Kent College of Law  
1977 Bachelor of Arts *with Honors*, University of Colorado

**OTHER PURSUITS**

- Butterfly Project – Holocaust Awareness for Middle School Students
- Piano

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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