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Overview

“It’s been 25 years since I began visiting the independent states formerly comprising the Soviet Union to raise awareness of international trademark protection and today there is a much broader understanding of the value of IP. But with piracy in the region and widespread infringement of internationally well-known marks, there remains much room for improvement in both protection and enforcement.”

Janet Hoffman advises clients on international protection and enforcement strategies relating to trademark, copyright, and unfair competition. She conducts global clearance searches and her transactional practice includes portfolio audits, due diligence, and licensing matters.

Fluent in Russian, Janet has deep experience in trademark law and practice in the Independent States of the Former USSR and Eastern Europe. Her clients reflect a broad range of industries, including hospitality and leisure, luxury goods,

automotive, pharmaceutical, publishing, cosmetics, and personal care.

Janet remains active in developing relationships with trademark professionals in Eastern Europe and former Soviet states – especially with the younger generation there – because she believes this is crucial to provide continuing IP support of the firm’s clients in the region.

Representative Experience

Secured registration of BUD on behalf of Anheuser-Busch in the Russian Federation, Moldova, among other jurisdictions, in the face of trademark office objections and/or prior third-party efforts to secure coverage based on trademark and/or other alleged rights.

Education

Boston College (JD, *cum laude*, 1982)

Boston College Law Review, member, 1980-1981, editor-in-chief, 1981-1982

New York University (PhD, 1977)

Slavic linguistics

New York University (MA, 1977)

Russian linguistics

Wellesley College (BA, 1967)

History and Russian Studies

Admissions

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Massachusetts

New York

Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit

U.S. District Court, Eastern, New York

U.S. District Court, Southern, New York

U.S. Supreme Court

Focus

- Hospitality & Hotels
- Publishing
- Personal Care & Cosmetics
- Pharmaceuticals

Services

- Trademark
- Copyright
- International

Associations

International Trademark Association (INTA)
(Member, Leadership Development Committee;
Member, Trademark Reporter Committee, 2016-19;
Member, Dilution and Well-Known Marks
Committee, 2005-2013; Vice Chair, Trade Dress
Committee 2003-2005; Member and then Co-chair
INTA Bulletin Committee, 2000-2004; Member,
INTA Board of Directors, 1998-2000

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York
(Member of Committee on Independent States of
the Former U.S.S.R.)

Coalition for Intellectual Property Rights (Co-
counsel, 1991-2014, of public-private partnership
for advancing the protection and enforcement of
industrial property rights in the states formerly
comprising the Soviet Union)

Recognition

Who's Who Legal IP – Trademarks 2008, 2011-
2014, Global Leaders, 2016-23; Thought Leaders –
USA, IP – Trademarks 2024-25, “Janet Hoffman is
recognized for her broad-based expertise in
trademark, copyright, and unfair competition law,
including notable experience in Eastern Europe.”

Women in Business Law 2017

Super Lawyers® New York Women's Edition 2017

Super Lawyers® 2006-16

INTA President's Award, 2015 (for lifetime
achievement and service to INTA)

*Euromoney Guide to the World's Leading Women
in Business Law* 2012, 2013, 2016 (nominated by
in-house counsel and professional peers)



Super Lawyers® “The Annual List — The Top Attorneys in the New York Metro Area” 2012, 2013

Super Lawyers® Corporate Counsel Edition (Business Services, Intellectual Property) 2010

Super Lawyers® New York Metro Edition (Intellectual Property) 2010

Guide to the World’s Leading Trade Mark Law Practitioners, published by Legal Media Group/Euromoney in association with Managing Intellectual Property (USA section) 2009

New York Super Lawyers — Metro Edition 2007

The Legal 500 US Guide (recognized in the international area) 2006—2007

New York Super Lawyers (Manhattan Edition) in Intellectual Property 2006

Languages

French

Russian

Spanish

Speaking Engagements

Numerous presentations at professional conferences and seminars on international trademark issues, 1991-present

Lecturer on the trademark law in The Independent States of the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe as part of the International Trademark Association’s (INTA) Academic Course on International Trademark Law, May, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013