

# Arrienne (Angel) M. Lezak

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A registered patent attorney and former senior patent examiner, Angel approaches prosecution with a personal, creative and effective approach that is informed by extensive experience in the arts. Known for a competitively high allowance rate, she strongly advocates for in-person/WebEx interviewing and data-driven analytics to determine the best options available. Clients across technology industries have benefitted from Angel's experience from within and outside the USPTO. She helps clients by creatively navigating current prosecution hurdles, developing and managing patent portfolios that limit future prosecution hurdles and analyzing existing patent families to determine best strategies based on the value and strength of pending and acquired claim sets.

Angel is a strong supporter and mentor to women in technology. Prior to Polsinelli, she was at an international intellectual property law firm where she was the first female full-equity partner in the history of the Electronics Software prosecution group. She is an avid technologist, and concentrates in the areas of artificial intelligence, networking, graphics, image processing, virtual reality, augmented reality, game systems, machine learning, virtual machines, business analytics, fintech, communications, audio engineering, video engineering, forecasting, cryptography, data science, data analytics and data security.

The daughter of a college math professor, teaching is especially important to Angel: she has developed and implemented several patent prosecution boot camps both internally at her firm and externally through different organizational groups. Angel has been a frequent faculty member and panelist on a variety of IP-related topics, for groups including PLI, ABA, AIPLA, ICLE, SWCC, the Rocky Mountain IP Institute and the Polsinelli Business Law Institute.

Angel's strategic outside-of-box big picture way of thinking is enhanced by a broad and novel background of both math and music: in addition to her law and engineering diplomas, she has multiple degrees in music composition, including a degree from the prestigious Eastman School of Music. When she is not practicing, teaching or on a panel, Angel can usually be found playing piano or composing music. A highlight each year for Angel is her participation as co-musical director and accompanist for the San Francisco Bay Area Intellectual Property American Inn of Court musical revue in June.

## Capabilities

- Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Patent Prosecution
- Patent Preparation & Prosecution
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Counseling & Opinions
- Medical Devices

## Education

- Purdue University (B.S., 2002)
  - College of Engineering and Science
- Chicago-Kent College of Law (J.D., 1997)
- Boston University (M.M., 1993)
  - Music Composition
- Eastman School of Music (B.M., 1989)
  - Music Composition
- University of Rochester (B.A., 1989)
  - Music and Psychology

## Bar Admissions

- Admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 2002
- California, 2009
- Indiana, 2000
- Illinois, 1998

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court

## Memberships

- American Bar Foundation (ABF)
  - Fellow
- 31st Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference
  - Program Chair
- PLI Patent Fundamentals Bootcamp
  - Co-Chair
- American Bar Association
  - IPL Liaison
  - University IP Committee, Vice Chair
  - 103 Committee, Special Subcommittee on Patent Quality, Chair
  - Intellectual Property Law Section, CLE Board, Member 2015-2016
- State Bar of California and Illinois
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
  - ECLC Committee
  - CLE Committee
- San Francisco Bay Area Intellectual Property American Inn of Court
  - Musical Director of Spring Musical Revue (CLE appropriate), 2012-present

## Recognition

- Selected for inclusion in *IAM's Global Leaders list*, United States: DC Metro Area, 2026
- Recognized as a 2025 California Legal Awards Honoree in the Women Leaders in Tech Law, Intellectual Property category
- Selected for inclusion in the IAM Patent 1000 list of the World's Leading Patent Practitioners, 2022-2025, DC Metro Area - Highly Recommended Prosecution
- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution, District of Columbia, 2024-2025

# Publications

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June 11, 2025

**Women Leaders in Tech Law, Intellectual Property Honoree: Arrienne M. Lezak, Polsinelli**

*Featured, Law.com*

March 3, 2025

**How I Made Practice Group Chair: 'Put the Needs of Your Team Before Your Own,' Says Angel Lezak of Polsinelli**

*Featured, Law.com*

September 28, 2022

**IP Equality: A collection of articles about Women in IP**

*Quoted, Mewburn Ellis*

August 3, 2022

**So you want to be a STEMinist**

*Quoted, Mewburn Ellis*