

Deanna Okun

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Deanna Okun is an international trade lawyer whose former experience as a US ITC Commissioner and Chair informs her legal and strategic international trade policy advice. She supports companies where innovation confronts barriers, such as intellectual property theft, unfair trade practices, or regulatory hurdles.

Deanna's practice involves all aspects of unfair trade litigation and trade remedy advocacy. Her Section 337 work includes all stages of litigation at the ITC from pre-institution consultation to post-remedy enforcement with Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Her clients range from Fortune 500 companies protecting leading edge technologies to Small and Medium Enterprises confronting rampant infringement by foreign competitors. She also represents companies in Title VII antidumping and countervailing duty investigations before the ITC and Department of Commerce (DOC). Deanna's work in trade remedy proceedings on behalf of U.S. companies extends to previously rarely used trade statutes, including Section 201, 232, and 301 investigations. Deanna participated in one of only two Section 201 investigations in the past twenty years, winning a successful remedy for her client. She works closely with contacts in the executive, judicial and legislative branches of the government to create innovative solutions to her clients' legal and business challenges.

Deanna has extensive experience as a top administrator, regulator, enforcer, legislative aide and lawyer. She served two terms as Chairman during her twelve years of service as a member of the ITC. During her tenure as a Commissioner, she ruled on hundreds of cases involving allegations of patent, trademark and copyright infringement, antidumping and countervailing duty, global safeguard investigations under the Trade Act of 1974, including investigations under Section 201 and the China-specific safeguard investigations under Section 421. Prior to her appointment to the ITC, she served as counsel for international affairs to U.S. Senator Frank Murkowski, Chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and senior member of the Finance and Foreign Relations Committees, and practiced international trade law with a large Washington, D.C.-based law firm.

In 2012, Deanna was named the Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Association of Women in International Trade, a chapter of the Organization of Women in International Trade. In 2022, for the tenth consecutive year, Managing Intellectual Property named

Capabilities

- International Trade Commission Section 337 Litigation
- Export Controls, Economic Sanctions & Compliance
- International Intellectual Property Litigation
- Intellectual Property Trade Law Remedies
- International Trade Solare Brand Protection Program
- Post Chevron Educational Resources & Updates

Deanna one of the Top 250 Women in IP. Deanna is also on the 2022-2023 USMCA Binational Panel Roster.

Education

- Duke University School of Law (J.D., *with honors*)
 - Alaska Law Review, Executive Editor
- Utah State University (B.A., *magna cum laude*)

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

Memberships

- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- American Bar Association
- American Conference Institute's Annual Expert Forum on ITC Litigation and Enforcement (Advisory Board)
- Customs and International Trade Bar Association (Board of Directors and 2022-2023 Treasurer)
- Federal Circuit Bar Association
- ITC Trial Lawyers Association
- Georgetown Law International Trade Update (Advisory Board)
- Trade Policy Forum
- Washington International Trade Association
- The Association of Women in International Trade
- 2024-2025 Roster for USMCA Binational Panels (U.S.), roster member since 2019

Recognition

- Named "Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*, 2025-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® for:
 - Litigation - Patent, 2026
 - International Trade and Finance Law, 2025-2026
- Selected for inclusion in the IAM Patent 1000 list of the World's Leading Patent Practitioners, 2024-2025, D.C. Metro Area - Recommended - Bronze Litigation
- Selected for inclusion in *Washington D.C. Super Lawyers*, 2024
- Federal Circuit Bar Association President's Award Recipient, 2023
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars – Patent Star and Trademark Star, 2022, 2024-2025
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars – Top 250 Women in IP, 2022
- Ranked in *Chambers Global: World's Leading Lawyers*, International Trade: Intellectual Property (Section 337), Nationwide, 2025-2026
- Ranked in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, International Trade: Intellectual Property (Section 337), Nationwide, 2006-2025
- *The Legal 500*, Intellectual Property: Patents: Litigation (International Trade Commission), 2022
- *The Legal 500* Hall of Fame Intellectual Property: Patents Litigation (International Trade Commission), 2022
- *Patexia*, Top 10 – Most Active ITC Section 337 Attorney, 2022
- *Patexia*, Top 10 – Best Performing ITC Section 337 Attorney, 2022

- *Super Lawyers, 2022*

Matters

ITC Section 337 Matters:

Trade Secrets - Represented complainants **LG Chem, Ltd., LG Chem Inc., and LG Energy Solutions** against respondents SK Battery America Inc., SK Battery Hungary Kft., and SK Innovation Co., Ltd. in a Section 337 action regarding misappropriation of trade secrets of certain lithium ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, battery packs, components thereof, and processes therefor (ITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1159.)

- Prevailed at the ITC, which led to the client obtaining a \$1.8 billion settlement paid by South Korean battery maker SK Innovation (“SKI”) to LG, which is the largest trade secret claim settlement in history. This settlement will effectively settle the dispute between SKI and LG, evade a 10-year U.S. import ban that would have set back the Biden administration’s electric vehicle push, allow SKI to continue its plans to expand its manufacturing base in Georgia, and prevent new lawsuits between SKI and LG for the next 10 years. As part of the team representing LG, responsible for supervising the computer forensics which exposed the extensive destruction of evidence by the respondents, which led to the default ruling by the ALJ, and contributed specialized knowledge and expertise concerning all aspects of trade secret misappropriation, as well as domestic industry, injury to that industry, and remedy and public interest issues. Heavily involved in the highly active Presidential review of the ITC remedial orders.

<https://www.law360.com/articles/1257459/itc-grants-lg-chem-default-judgment-in-1b-car-battery-war>

Represent **Alarm.com** as respondent in a patent-based Section 337 action regarding smart thermostats, load control switches, and components thereof (ITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1277). The ALJ’s initial determination issued on November 16, 2022 with a finding of No Violation, a significant victory for our client.

Provided legal and strategic advice in connection with a Section 337 complaint filed by **Nike, Inc** as complainant against adidas AG and Adidas North America, Inc. on footwear with knitted uppers (ITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1289). The parties entered into a favorable settlement in August 2022 with a substantial payment to Nike.

Represented complainant **NOCO** in a patent and trademark Section 337 action regarding portable lithium-ion battery jump starters (ITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1256.) The Commission issued a Limited Exclusion Order against respondents found to infringe NOCO’s Trademarks. <https://www.law360.com/articles/1366268/itc-to-probe-walmart-best-buy-over-jump-starter-imports>

Represented **Qualcomm Incorporated and Qualcomm Technologies, Inc.** as respondent in a patent-based Section 337 action regarding integrated circuits (ITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1295.) The case settled without Qualcomm being forced to produce any significant documentation.

International Trade Matters:

Section 232 and Trade Policy - Provide comprehensive, strategic trade representation for the world's second-largest stainless-steel producer. Successfully assisted client **Outokumpu Stainless USA LLC** in blocking competitor ATI's requests for exclusion from Section 232 duties for its imports of Indonesian stainless steel made by Chinese steel titan Tsingshan. Also supported the client's continued enforcement of previously attained antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders imposing duties on certain stainless-steel imports through the Department of Commerce's self-initiated circumvention inquiry of stainless steel sheet and strip from Vietnam and the upcoming sunset review of the AD and CVD orders on stainless steel sheet and strip from China. Read more here.

AD/CVD - Successfully defended **Korea Petrochemical Ind. Co. (KPIC)** against imposition of an antidumping duty order in the investigation of imports of ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene from Korea, convincing a unanimous ITC that KPIC's imports were not causing injury to U.S. producers of the identified product. This is a rare win—more than 80% of all investigations result in a final affirmative injury determination, and even fewer are unanimous negative determinations. This win was made possible in part by our procurement of a roughly 7.8% dumping duty margin on behalf of KPIC—a margin more than 10 times lower than that alleged by the petitioning U.S. producer, who continued to make capital expansions, gain market share, and show substantial profit throughout the period of investigation. (Commerce Case No. A-580-907 and ITC Inv. No. 731-TA-1474)

AD/CVD and Section 232 - Successfully persuaded the Department of Commerce that section 232 tariffs on titanium sponge would harm titanium mill product producers and would not benefit the domestic industry, in accord with the ITC's determination of the same. In the ITC case, on behalf of client **Perryman and other domestic titanium mill product manufacturers**, blocked the imposition of antidumping and countervailing duties on imports of Titanium Sponge from Japan and Kazakhstan, securing first negative preliminary AD/CVD vote at the ITC in a decade. Following Commerce's recommendation that the President not impose section 232 tariffs on titanium sponge, the President directed the Secretaries of Commerce and Defense to form a Titanium Sponge Working Group.

Additional information:

<https://www.perrymanco.com/files/content/inthenews/perryman-adds-forging-capabilities-f-060722.pdf?d=2022614143618> and

<https://www.perrymanco.com/files/content/inthenews/perryman-addsmelting-f-061522.pdf?d=2022615142247>

Customs, AD/CVD, and Section 301 - Advise **Sinoboom Intelligent Equipment Co.** and its subsidiaries regarding the impacts of the Section 301 duties on Chinese imports and the AD/CVD investigations on Mobile Access Equipment (A-570-139; C570-140) on its operations, and duty mitigation options. Advise Sinoboom as it established its Polish affiliate's manufacturing operations and supply chain, and successfully advocated for and received favourable country of origin rulings from Customs regarding the products manufactured in Poland from imported components. This advice and the Customs rulings have significantly mitigated Sinoboom's duty burden. Further advise Sinoboom regarding ongoing supply chain and manufacturing issues with potential U.S. customs duty impacts.