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Melenie Van is an associate in the Intellectual Property and Technology Litigation practice. She is dedicated in helping clients solve issues related to the establishment and protection of their intellectual property needs. Melenie focuses her litigation practice on effectively enforcing and defending clients' intellectual property and commercial rights in courts and other dispute resolution forums. Melenie's experience includes matters involving claims of patent infringement and patent misuse, trade secret misappropriation, trademark, copyright, breach of contract, and antitrust.

Melenie has worked with clients ranging from startups to Fortune 100 companies, in a variety of companies, from high technology industries, life sciences, digital health companies, pharmaceuticals, payment processing companies, mobile advertisers, phone and insurance carriers, to medical and financial institutions. Her experience involves working on cases relating to a variety of technologies, such as virtual reality, drug and dietary supplement products, payment processing devices, medical devices, and mobile and computer software and hardware.

Prior to joining the firm, Melenie was a law clerk and summer associate at Polsinelli. Her previous experience includes working as an intellectual property legal and compliance intern at Jazz Pharmaceuticals and as a judicial extern for the Honorable Justice Nathan D. Mihara at the California Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District. Melenie participated in Google's Legal Summer Institute as a legal scholar. Prior to law school, Melenie worked as an intern for the Office of the Chief Information Officer at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

Education

- Santa Clara University School of Law (J.D., 2020)
 - Journal of International Law, Volume 18 Comments Editor; High Tech Law Certificate
- University of California-Irvine (B.S., 2016)
 - Biological Sciences
- University of California-Irvine (B.A., 2016)
 - Political Science

Capabilities

- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Litigation

Bar Admissions

- California, 2021

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, District of Delaware
- U.S. District Court, District of Nevada
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

Memberships

- American Bar Association (ABA)
- Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF)
- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA)
- Asian American Bar Association (AABA) of the Greater Bay Area
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA) of Silicon Valley and of Los Angeles
- Orange County Asian American Bar Association (OCAABA)
- ChIPs (Advancing Women in Technology)

Recognition

- Participant, Polsinelli Trial Academy facilitated by NITA, 2026
- Named one of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in:
 - Intellectual Property Law, 2026
 - Litigation - Intellectual Property, 2026
 - Litigation - Patent, 2026
- CALI Excellence for the Future Awards for Legal Research & Writing, Contracts and Civil Procedure
- *Santa Clara Journal of International Law*, Volume 17 Honorable Mentions Award

Publications

July 11, 2025

AI vs. Authors: Two California Judges, Two Directions and More Uncertainty on Fair Use and Copyright

December 16, 2022

Changes to Patent Subject Matter Eligibility Proposed by the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act of 2022

