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Meredith Martin “Mimi” Addy is a deeply experienced patent litigator who specializes in cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, at the USPTO’s Patent Trial and Appeal Board, in the U.S. District Courts, and at the Court of Federal Claims. Addy has led nearly 30 federal district court cases and has handled more than 40 appeals to the Federal Circuit.

Addy is a member of the Federal Circuit Bar Association’s board of directors and for many years served as a member of the Federal Circuit’s Advisory Council. She is a former chair of the Amicus Committee for the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), and is a co-founder of the Richard Linn American Inn of Court, which is directed to intellectual property, and of which she was the first president. Addy has testified before the U.S. Congress to address the state of the Federal Circuit and patent appeals.



Addy counsels companies in the software, technology, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical sectors on the most efficient strategies for realizing their IP goals. Clients describe her as “an exceptionally skilled lawyer” and a “key figure, who knows the courts inside and out” adding that she is “extremely pro-business. She really understands business and how it’s run.” (*Chambers USA*) She is appreciated for her ability to explain complex legal and technical issues to jurists and laypeople alike—in part because of her training as an electrical engineer. Former Federal Circuit Chief Judge Paul Michel has remarked, “When you ask Addy a difficult question, as we often do in oral arguments, she fires right back with a very crisp, clear answer that is totally responsive to the question. It’s factual and accurate and fair. The contrast with other attorneys is stark. Most other attorneys duck the questions. Addy answers them head-on.”

In 2014, Addy established [Business De Novo](#), a blog that reflects her passion for promoting innovation and preserving entrepreneurial businesses. Believing that innovation comes in many forms, the blog argues that innovation is a vital component to a healthy economy—one in which patent rights both protect their owners and seed the next generation of innovation. Addy is also a frequent speaker and panelist at conferences; she has authored numerous articles and publications.

Addy was named to the [Illinois Super Lawyers](#) Top 10 List in 2016 as in years past and is regularly named in the Top 50 Women Illinois Super Lawyers and Top 10 Illinois Super Lawyers. In 2014, *Law360* featured her as a [Female Powerbroker](#) and named her one of the [Most Influential Women in IP Law](#). That year she was inducted into Law Bulletin Publishing Co.’s [40 Under Forty Hall of Fame](#), a list of the 40 most recognized lawyers nominated for 40 Under 40 during its fifteen-year history. She has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* in Patent Litigation and Patent Law each year since 2007, and is perennially in Band 1 in Chambers USA.

Addy earned her JD *cum laude* from the University of Georgia School of Law. In 2015, she received her MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. She earned an LLM with honors in Intellectual Property from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. She has a B.S. in electrical engineering and a B.A. in fine arts from Rice University.

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