



*“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.”*

Former Federal Circuit Chief Judge Paul Michel

**Education**

- J.D., The University of Georgia School of Law, *cum laude*
- LL.M., Intellectual Property, The John Marshall Law School, with Honors, Chicago
- M.B.A., The University of Chicago Booth School of Business
- B.S.E.E., Rice University

**Selected Recognition**

- Chambers USA**  
Band 1, 2006-2020
- Shortlisted for Intellectual Property Woman of the Year, 2011

- Law360**  
The 20 Most Influential Women in IP Law, 2014
- Female Powerbrokers, 2014

- Law Bulletin Publishing Co.**  
40 Under 40 Hall of Fame, 2014
- 40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch, 2004

- Super Lawyers, 2005-2019**  
Top 10 Illinois Super Lawyers, 2008, 2015, 2016
- Top 50 Women Illinois Super Lawyers, 2005-2019
- Top 100 Illinois Super Lawyers, 2005, 2008-2010, 2014-2019

Meredith “Mimi” Addy is a deeply experienced intellectual property litigator and business strategist. She has handled more than 40 cases before trial courts and more than 60 appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. She has held leadership positions in AmLaw 100 firms. Among her many awards and honors, Addy has been named One of the Most Influential Women in IP Law by Law360.

Addy has testified before Congress to address the Federal Circuit and the state of patent law. She has been a member of the Federal Circuit’s Advisory Council and a member of the Federal Circuit Bar Association’s board of directors. Addy is a founder of the Richard Linn American Inn of Court, which is directed to intellectual property, and she served as its first president.

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.

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.

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