



Rebecca Edelson

Rebecca Edelson is a partner in the Century City office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP and leads the firm's trade secret practice. Her practice emphasizes intellectual property (including trade secrets, trade dress, trademark, patent, and copyright), unfair competition, and injunctions. She has broad experience in all phases of state and federal litigation, including pre-trial development, discovery and motion practice, trials, writs, and appeals. She also counsels businesses on protecting their proprietary rights and information outside of the litigation context.

Ms. Edelson has represented clients in connection with diverse industries, including the financial, medical technology, biotech, computer, database, toy, fashion, jewelry, industrial equipment, retail, entertainment, lighting technology, and travel and leisure industries.

Ms. Edelson is on the advisory board to the Shriver Project, which provides legal assistance to thousands of unrepresented low-income litigants in unlawful detainer actions in Los Angeles. She served served as the 2004-2005 Chair of the Executive Committee of the Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar of California, and is a past chair of its trade secrets and grants subcommittees. She continues to volunteer her time to organize educational programs for the Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar of California. Ms. Edelson was also a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel from 2005 to 2009 and served as Vice Chair of its Intellectual Property Section as well as a member of its Diversity Committee. She also previously served on the Steering Committee of the Century City Chamber of Commerce Women's Business Council and is a 2004 recipient of the Century City Chamber of Commerce's Women of Achievement award in the area of law. Ms. Edelson was selected for inclusion in editions of *Who's Who of American Women* and *Who's Who in American Law*.

Ms. Edelson also is a co-editor and an author of the treatise, *Trade Secret Litigation and Protection in California*, published by the State Bar of California. She also has published articles on copyright law, trade secret law, and business blackmail. She has lectured on trade secret protection, copyright, and First Amendment law, as well as litigation strategies and techniques.

Ms. Edelson's pro bono work on behalf of various organizations includes litigation as well as lobbying on behalf of a proposed city ordinance which she helped draft. Ms. Edelson has worked on Steptoe's "Action for Children of Trafficking" pro bono project and on Public Counsel's Immigrants' Rights Project.

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Areas of Practice

Commercial Litigation,
Insolvency & Creditors'
Rights

Copyright

ERISA, Labor &
Employment

Intellectual Property

IP Litigation

Litigation

Patent Litigation

Trade Secrets

Trademark

Trademark Litigation

Education

UCLA School of Law, J.D.,
1990

University of Pennsylvania,
B.A., 1983

Bar & Court Admissions

California

United States District Court
for the Central District of
California

United States District Court
for the Eastern District of
California

United States District Court
for the Northern District of
California

United States District Court
for the Southern District of
California

United States Court of
Appeals for the Ninth
Circuit

United States District
Court, Western District of
Wisconsin

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Select Seminars & Events

"Why Every Lawyer Should Know More About Trade Secret Law," 36th
Annual IP Institute of the State Bar of California, November 12, 2011

Intellectual Property and Privacy in the Workplace: The Employee's Right to
Privacy vs. Employer's Right to Monitor Behavior: Recent Developments in
Employee Privacy Law and Their Impact on Trade Secret Protection, Law
Seminar International, September 21, 2011

Bec Edelson to Speak on Trade Secret Law at State Bar of California Seminar,
June 27, 2011

Step toe Partner Speaks on "*Managing Voluntary and Involuntary Departures:
Effective Security Measures for Maintaining Trade Secrets*" at the Departing
Employees and Intellectual Property Seminar, May 19, 2010

Moderator, Panel on "Hidden Assets: Intellectual Property Rights in Designs" at
State Bar of California IP Law Section's IP Institute, November 13, 2009

Step toe Partner Moderates Panel on "*Protection and Theft of Ideas*," at State Bar of
California IP Law Section's "Intellectual Property in Entertainment and Media"
Conference, June 25, 2009

Selected Publications

Trade Secret Litigation and Protection in California Supplement (2011), Intellectual
Property Section of the State Bar of California

"People Will Talk: Protecting Trade Secrets in the World of Social Media"
November 18, 2010, *Corporate Counsel*

Rebecca Edelson, "*Best Kept Secrets: Handling Confidential Employee Information*,"
Los Angeles Daily Journal, July 30, 2009

Rebecca Edelson, Co-Editor and Contributing Author of Treatise, "*Trade Secret
Litigation and Protection in California*," Intellectual Property Section of the State
Bar of California
June 2009

Professional Affiliations

State Bar of California Intellectual Property Section