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### Biography

Natalie Hanlon Leh is an experienced intellectual property lawyer who serves as lead counsel in patent, copyright, trademark and trade secrets matters. As part of Ms. Hanlon Leh's litigation practice, she represents clients in a wide range of technologies, including chemistry assays, genetic research methods, software, cloud storage, fiber-optic networks, tunable lasers and erbium doped fiber amplifiers. Ms. Hanlon Leh has substantial experience with injunctions and expedited proceedings. Since 2004, she has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Colorado School of Law, where she teaches patent litigation.

Prior to joining WilmerHale, Ms. Hanlon Leh was a senior trial lawyer focusing on complex intellectual property matters and national practice group leader in another firm's Denver office.

### Recent Highlights

In recent years, Ms. Hanlon Leh's work has included:

- Serving as lead counsel for plaintiff in a patent infringement and trade dress case in the Western District of Washington involving a patent on a skin care system resulting in a \$12 million jury verdict.
- Serving as lead counsel for a clothing retailer in a copyright infringement case involving a character. Obtained complete non-infringement summary judgment victory which was affirmed by the Tenth Circuit.
- Obtaining a complete dismissal of a \$20 million licensing claim against a client after taking over as lead counsel in post-Supreme Court litigation.
- Serving as lead counsel in connection with patent infringement action in the Central District of California involving erbium doped fiber amplifiers.
- Serving as lead counsel in an enforcement action before the International Trade Commission and the Northern District of California involving tunable lasers.
- Serving as lead counsel in infringement action in the District of Delaware involving cloud storage, and resulting in dismissal and award of attorneys' fees in client's favor.
- Serving as lead counsel and arguing on behalf of a petitioner in *inter partes* review proceedings in the US Patent and Trademark Office, resulting in final written decision of unpatentability of all claims involving microscope slide printers.
- Representing patent owner in patent infringement action in the District of New Jersey and two *inter partes* reexamination proceedings in the area of audio mixers, resulting in confirmation of patentability of original and new claims of re-examined patents and settlement with accused infringers.
- Authoring multiple amicus briefs in the United States Supreme Court and Federal Circuit on patent issues.
- Defense of multiple cases in the Eastern District of Texas, District of Delaware,

### PRACTICE

Intellectual Property

### EDUCATION

JD, *cum laude*, Harvard Law School, 1989

BS, *cum laude*, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1986

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

### CLERKSHIPS

The Hon. John C. Porfilio, US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 1989 - 1990



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and Northern and Central Districts of California brought by non-practicing entities.

- Serving as lead counsel for the defense in a bench trial in the Southern District of New York, in which the court found the plaintiff had no protectable mark and no likelihood of confusion, resulting in favorable judgment on all counts.
- Representing plaintiff copyright holder in successfully obtaining seizure order, permanent injunction and \$56 million judgment for multiple acts of copyright and trademark infringement arising out of sale of counterfeit footwear accessories.
- Serving as lead litigation counsel in two patent infringement cases involving methods for intron-sequence analysis DNA and genomic mapping, including obtaining a favorable claim construction ruling on all 15 disputed claim terms which drove a favorable settlement.
- Serving as lead counsel as a declaratory judgment plaintiff in a case involving noncontact wheel alignment systems.
- Serving as lead counsel in a patent infringement case that involved performance monitoring for fibre channel switches used in storage area networks (including a preliminary injunction hearing).
- Obtaining consent judgment for ski area stopping the use of an infringing domain name.
- Obtaining a seizure order authorizing seizure of counterfeit merchandise at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.
- Enforcing trademark rights and successfully obtaining a preliminary injunction for a major league baseball team enjoining improper use of a similar domain name.
- Defending a media defendant sued by the US Olympic Committee over use of "Olympics" as part of a magazine title.
- Serving as Colorado counsel for major motion picture studios in copyright litigation over unauthorized digitally edited versions of movies.
- Successfully defeating a preliminary injunction motion and obtaining summary judgment dismissing trade secrets claims against board members of a nonprofit library and archive who were sued in Colorado and Virginia by the Church of Scientology for copyright and trade secrets violations based upon posting of church materials to the Internet.

### Professional Activities

Ms. Hanlon Leh is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the United States District Court for the District of Colorado and the United States Supreme Court.

Ms. Hanlon Leh is Vice Chair of the Legal Aid Foundation of Colorado and on the Standing Committee for the Civil Pro Bono Panel of the US District Court for the District of Colorado. She is also a member of the Steering Committee for the Sedona Conference's Patent Litigation Best Practices Working Group.

Ms. Hanlon Leh is the former president of the Faculty of Federal Advocates. She is also the former chair of the Intellectual Property Section of the Colorado Bar Association, and former president of the Colorado Women's Bar Association.

### Honors & Awards

- Named by *5280 Magazine* as a 2015 Top Lawyer in Intellectual Property Litigation
- Recognized by *World Trademark Review* as among the World's Leading Trademark Professionals in 2014
- Selected by the *Denver Business Journal* as the Power Book, Legal Category Winner in 2013
- Named a Top Woman Lawyer in 2013 by *Law Week Colorado*
- Selected as the Colorado Outstanding IP Litigator of the Year in 2013 and named an IP Star in 2013-2015 by *Managing Intellectual Property*
- Listed in the 2012-2014 editions of *Intellectual Asset Management Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners*
- Selected as the 2012 Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year by Denver *Best Lawyers* Litigation
- Recognized in the 2010-2015 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* for intellectual property law
- Named among the 2010 and 2011 *Super Lawyers'* Top 50 Lawyers in Colorado



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- Ranked among *Super Lawyers'* Top 100 Lawyers in Colorado in 2012-2014
- Selected by *Super Lawyers* as among the Top 25 Women in Colorado in 2006-2011
- Named among the 2012-2014 Top 50 Women in Colorado by *Super Lawyers*
- Recognized for intellectual property litigation by *Super Lawyers* in 2006-2013
- Selected as the Best Trademark Lawyer in 2009 and 2011 by *Law Week Colorado*
- Ranked in the 2005-2015 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for intellectual property
- Selected by *Benchmark Litigation* as a Future Star in 2013 and 2014
- Named an Outstanding Women in Business by the *Denver Business Journal*
- Recipient of the Denver Bar Foundation's Richard Marden Davis Award
- Recipient of the John C. Benson Community Service Award
- Recipient of the Irving R. Kaufman Public Service Fellowship
- Recipient of the Berkeley Law Foundation Public Interest Grant

### Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "2015 Update: Damages and Remedies in Patent Litigation," National CLE Conference - Intellectual Property (January 2015)
- Panelist, "Design Patent Remedies," Design Law 2014 (November 2014)
- Speaker, "Coordinating Litigation and Post-Grant Review Processes," 12th Annual Rocky Mountain Intellectual Property & Technology Institute, Denver (April 2014)
- Speaker, "2014 Update: Damages and Remedies in Patent Litigation," National CLE Conference - Intellectual Property (January 2014)
- Speaker, "2013 Update: Damages and Remedies in Patent Litigation," National CLE Conference - Intellectual Property (January 2013)