

## Maura L. Rees

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### FOCUS AREAS

Arbitration  
Artificial Intelligence and  
Machine Learning  
Commercial Litigation  
Digital Media and  
Entertainment  
Intellectual Property  
Internet Strategy and  
Litigation  
Litigation  
Patent Litigation  
Trademark and Advertising  
Trademark and Copyright  
Litigation

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **An Experienced Litigation Practitioner**  
Maura represents clients in complex commercial and IP litigation, particularly copyright, patent, and IP licensing disputes, as well as consumer class actions and antitrust cases.
- **Patent Work Involving Diverse Technologies**  
Maura's patent experience includes infringement lawsuits involving a range of technologies, such as graphic processors, data communications systems, and web server software.
- **A Recognized Practitioner**  
Maura has been recognized repeatedly as a leading attorney by *Northern California Super Lawyers*.

### EXPERIENCE

Maura Rees is a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, which she joined in 1997. Her practice focuses on complex intellectual property and commercial litigation. Her experience includes representing a large technology company in copyright infringement litigation relating to training of generative artificial intelligence models, as well as multiple matters involving alleged infringement by user-uploaded videos on internet platforms, including defenses under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA). Maura also has expertise in representing hospitality industry clients in copyright infringement litigation brought by record labels and music publishers relating to use of music in social media posts. She has litigated numerous patent infringement matters involving standards-essential patents (SEPs) and FRAND licensing, including matters in U.S. District Courts, the Delaware Court of Chancery, the International Trade Commission (ITC), and international arbitrations.

Maura's patent litigation cases have involved such diverse technologies as modems, graphics processors, cellular connectivity, and web server software. She has also litigated matters for internet platform clients relying on defenses under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act and has defended consumer class actions for technology clients relating to claims of false advertising, unfair competition, antitrust violations, and data breaches.

### CREDENTIALS

#### Education

- J.D., Yale Law School, 1997  
*Member, Yale Journal of Law and Feminism and Yale Law Journal*
- Fulbright Exchange Scholarship for postgraduate study in French, Université de Genève, Switzerland, 1994
- B.A., English, Swarthmore College, 1993

*With Honors*

### Honors

- Recognized in the 2012, 2013, 2018, and 2019 editions of *Northern California Super Lawyers*
- Named to the 2009 and 2010 editions of the "Rising Stars" list published by *Northern California Super Lawyers*

### Admissions

- State Bar of California
- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

## INSIGHTS

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### Select Publications

- Contributing Author, *Managing Intellectual Property Issues in Cyberspace*, Thomson Reuters/Aspatore, 2012
- Contributing Author, *California State Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Treatise*, 2010

### Select Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Litigating Patents Effectively," Stanford Program in Law, Science & Technology, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, September 7, 2018
- Panelist, "ADR for FRAND Disputes," WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Workshop, Palo Alto, California, November 13, 2015
- Panelist, "A Two-Way Street: Complying With, And Benefitting From, Intellectual Property Right Commitments To A Standards Organization," The 15th Annual Sedona Conference on Patent Litigation: Improving the Efficiency of Handling Patent Litigation, Reston, Virginia, October 19, 2015
- Presenter, "Managing Your Employees' New Media Activity," Knowledge Congress webinar, April 2, 2012