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FOCUS AREAS

Digital Media and
Entertainment
Electronic Gaming
Emerging Companies
Intellectual Property
Mergers & Acquisitions
Technology Transactions

EXPERIENCE

Atussa Simon is an associate in the Palo Alto office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where she is a member of the technology transactions practice and a co-founder of the firm's electronic gaming group. Atussa focuses on intellectual property, licensing, and commercial transactions, with particular expertise in software, e-gaming, SaaS, digital media, open source, and mergers and acquisitions. Atussa also advises a variety of new and emerging companies ranging from autonomous vehicles to cosmetics. Additionally, Atussa provides counsel for numerous pro bono clients in the areas of subsidized housing, inclusivity for people with disabilities, and social and emotional learning programs for kids.

Prior to law school, Atussa was a serial entrepreneur working in the tech industry. Some of her work includes the founding of an independent game and machinima studio, launching a full-featured massively multiplayer online game (MMO) for children, and spearheading the graduate game education program at Southern Methodist University.

Atussa has been featured in two books, including *Changing Our World: True Stories of Women Engineers* by Sybil E. Hatch for her contributions in the digital entertainment industry, and *Machinima* by Dave Morris, Matt Kelland, and Dave Lloyd in which she is recognized as a contributor to real-time computer-generated films.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law
High Tech Law Certificate, With Honors
- B.S., Electrical Engineering, University of Texas at Dallas

Honors

- Recipient, American Bar Association/Bloomberg BNA: Intellectual Property Award, May 2017
- Recipient, Santa Clara University High Tech Law Institute: High Tech Excellence Award, 2015-2016

Admissions

- State Bar of California
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- Co-author, *The Scramble: E-Gaming Legal Year in Review: 2023*, Electronic Gaming Group, Wilson Sonsini, March 2024

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