



### Tracea L. Rice

Associate

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Tracea uses her background in computer and electrical engineering to advise clients in intellectual property matters in various forums. She leverages her experience as a former federal judicial law clerk and her love for trial advocacy to passionately represent her clients from pre-litigation through case disposition.

Tracea is experienced in representing clients in high-stakes patent infringement disputes before federal district courts, the Court of Federal Claims, and before the International Trade Commission. She also has experience representing clients in a variety of pro bono matters including employment litigation disputes.

Tracea has represented clients from pre-litigation investigations through federal jury trials. She has experience drafting substantive briefs, taking and defending witnesses at depositions, arguing hearings in federal court during *Markman* proceedings and other motions practices, preparing witnesses to give trial testimony, and taking witnesses at trial.

Prior to joining the firm, Tracea practiced at an international law firm and was a judicial clerk for the Honorable Robert W. Schroeder III in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Before law school, Tracea worked as a patent agent, drafting and prosecuting patent applications related to a wide range of technologies primarily in the electrical, computer, and mechanical technology fields—including software, e-commerce, aerospace, appliance and tooling technologies, and business method patents.

## Recent Experience

ITC ALJ Issues Win for AMD

## Recognitions

During law school, Tracea received the 2019 Outstanding Student Award from the National Association of Women Lawyers—an award presented to a law student who contributed to the advancement of women in society and promoted issues and concerns of women in the legal profession. Tracea also won multiple trial advocacy competitions at the national level and received the Robert Goldberg Award in Trial Advocacy—an award given to the student who showcased the highest aptitude and ethics in trial advocacy at Wake Forest Law.

### Credentials

#### **EDUCATION**

Tracea received her B.S. in computer and electrical engineering from North Carolina State University in 2011. She received her J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law in 2019, where she was a member of the Order of Barristers National Honor Society and the Moot Court Board.

#### **ADMISSIONS**

• Virginia

#### **CLERKSHIPS**

USDC - Eastern District of TX for the Honorable Robert W. Schroeder III

## Related Insights & News

- Panelist, "Between the Ferns Judicial Law Clerk Panel," Richard Linn American Inn of Court (February 16, 2023)
- Co-Author, "The Biosimilar Action Plan: An Effective Mechanism for Balancing Biologic Innovation and Competition in the United States?" The University of the Pacific Law Review (2020).

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

Winston Charlotte Hosts Global ChIPs Leadership Retreat

APRIL 16, 2024

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston Team Recognized in Am Law Litigation Daily's Litigator of the Week Column JANUARY 26, 2024

#### **CLIENT SUCCESS**

ITC ALJ Issues Win for AMD JANUARY 25, 2024

#### **SEMINAR/CLE**

ChIPs Accelerator — Breaking Barriers: Pioneering Innovation, Driving Success JANUARY 11, 2024

#### SEMINAR/CLE

Winston Attorneys Attend the 2023 ChIPs NextGen Summit SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston Team Led by Tom Melsheimer Highlighted in Litigator of the Week Column SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

# Capabilities

Intellectual Property Patent Litigation ITC – Section 337

Commercial Litigation & Disputes Litigation/Trials

Technology, Media & Telecommunications