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Lita M. Verrier specializes in complex business and high technology litigation, intellectual property litigation including patent, trademark and copyright infringement, misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair competition, as well as real estate transactions and professional malpractice.

Ms. Verrier joined the San Jose Ropers office in 1995. She received her undergraduate degree from the Wharton School of Business, at the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated *magna cum laude* at Pepperdine University, School of Law. While she was at Pepperdine, Ms. Verrier was the Lead Articles Editor for the Pepperdine Law Review, and a Judicial Extern for Justice Arabian of the California Supreme Court.

Ms. Verrier was a Commissioner of the California Commission on Aging, appointed by Governor Wilson.

She is a member of the Massachusetts State Bar, the Women's Bar Association, the California State Bar and the Santa Clara County Bar Associations. She is admitted to practice before all Massachusetts State Courts, all California State Courts and the Northern, Southern and Eastern District Courts of California.

## Practice Areas

- ▣ Business And Commercial Litigation
- ▣ Intellectual Property
- ▣ Professional Liability
- ▣ Contract/UCC
- ▣ Corporate Governance/Partnership Disputes
- ▣ Director/Officer Liability (including Non-Profits)
- ▣ Patent Prosecution, Licensing and Litigation
- ▣ Trade Secret Protection and Litigation
- ▣ Unfair Competition
- ▣ Accountants
- ▣ Directors & Officers
- ▣ Lawyers
- ▣ Real Estate Agents and Brokers
- ▣ Copyright, Domain Name and Trademark Litigation
- ▣ Corporate Transactions

- Real Estate

## Education

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- The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania , 1991 B.S.
- Pepperdine University School of Law, 1995 J.D.  
magna cum laude

## Court Admissions

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- California
- Massachusetts
- USDC: Eastern District of California
- USDC: Northern District of California
- USDC: Southern District of California

## Memberships & Associations

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- Santa Clara County Bar Association
- State Bar of California
- State Bar of Massachusetts
- Women's Bar Association (WBA)

## Representative Experience

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**Practice Area:** Copyright, Domain Name and Trademark Litigation, Intellectual Property

**Key Issues:** Copyright Infringement

**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California- San Jose

**Client Type:** Defendant; Broadcasting Company

We represented the defendant in this copyright infringement action concerning consignment and resale of original art/pictures.

**Result:**

We negotiated a favorable settlement for our client.

**Practice Area:** Copyright, Domain Name and Trademark Litigation, Intellectual Property, Patent Prosecution, Licensing and Litigation

**Key Issues:** Patent; Trademark Infringement

**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California

**Client Type:** Defendant; Software Company

We represented the defendant in this patent, trademark and related torts action related to the sale of software that allegedly infringed both patents and trademarks of plaintiff.

**Result:**

A favorable settlement was reached after obtaining evidence of fraud on the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office by plaintiff.

**Practice Area:** Professional Liability

**Key Issues:** Fiduciary Duty; Trust

**Venue:** Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara

**Client Type:** Defendant; Semiconductor Company and Trustee

Breach of Fiduciary Duty claim regarding trusts and trust administration. Claims against both defendants defeated by summary judgment.

**Result:**

Complete defense of case.

**Practice Area:** Business And Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property

**Venue:** Circuit Court for the State of Oregon, County of Multnomah

**Client Type:** Plaintiff; Semiconductor

Misappropriation of Proprietary Information and Trade Secrets; Breach of Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement; Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing; Breach of Employment Agreement, Unfair Competition; Breach of Duty of Loyalty, and Declaratory and Injunctive Relief.

**Result:**

Confidential, favorable result for client.

**Practice Area:** Business And Commercial Litigation, Copyright, Domain Name and Trademark Litigation, Intellectual Property

**Key Issues:** Copyright Infringement

**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California

**Client Type:** Plaintiff; Technology IT Services Company

Complaint alleging copyright infringement, unfair competition, misappropriation of trade secrets and declaratory relief related to the selling and licensing of products that enable integration and migration solutions for different business processes across heterogeneous systems by and through intelligent adapters.

**Result:**

Favorable settlement for client.

**Practice Area:** Intellectual Property

**Key Issues:** Trade Secret Misappropriation; Trade Dress and Trademark Infringement; Unfair Competition; Fraud

**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California

**Client Type:** Defendant; Doll Manufacturer

Suit for trademark, trade name and trade dress misappropriation and unfair competition.

**Result:**

Settled prior to trial favorably for our client.

**Practice Area:** Intellectual Property

**Key Issues:** Patent Infringement

**Venue:** USDC: District of Arizona

**Client Type:** Defendant; Semiconductor company

Patent infringement alleged against client and other semiconductor companies.

**Result:**

Settlement agreement.

**Practice Area:** Copyright, Trade Dress and Trademark Registration, Intellectual Property

**Key Issues:** Copyright Infringement; Wine label; Photograph

**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California

**Client Type:** Defendant; Winery

Copyright infringement related to wine label and photograph.

**Result:**

Confidential settlement.

**Practice Area:** Intellectual Property

**Key Issues:** Trademark infringement, False Advertising

**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California, San Jose Division

**Client Type:** Plaintiff Semiconductor Company

Trademark infringement and false advertising case involving Maxim's flagship "Maxim" mark. Case settled favorably for Maxim after obtaining stipulated order for permanent injunction.

**Result:**

Favorable settlement for client. Defendant changed its mark.

**Practice Area:** Business And Commercial Litigation

**Key Issues:** Anti-trust; Breach of Fiduciary

**Venue:** Santa Cruz County Superior Court

**Client Type:** Cross-complainant Fruit & Vegetable Producer & Supplier

We represented the cross-complainant in this action involving anti-trust, predatory pricing, price-tampering and breach of fiduciary duty asserted against former directors and officers of company client.

**Practice Area:** Environmental, Intellectual Property, Trade Secret Protection and Litigation

**Key Issues:** Trade Secret

**Venue:** San Francisco County Superior Court

**Client Type:** Defendant

Trade secret claims in environmental testing field.

**Result:**

Favorable settlement reached.

**Practice Area:** Intellectual Property, Patent Prosecution, Licensing and Litigation

**Key Issues:** Patent Infringement

**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California

**Client Type:** Defendant Furniture Reseller

Patent infringement action related to computer keyboard.

**Result:**

Favorable settlement reached for client.

**Practice Area:** Copyright, Domain Name and Trademark Litigation, Intellectual Property

**Key Issues:** Copyright Infringement

**Venue:** USDC: Eastern District of California

**Client Type:** Defendant

This case involved copyright infringement action related to use of "Barney" character. Negotiated favorable license agreement and settlement for client.

**Practice Area:** Copyright, Domain Name and Trademark Litigation, Intellectual Property

**Key Issues:** Trademark, Trade Dress

**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California

**Client Type:** Defendant Winery

We represented the defendant in this trademark, trade dress and related tort claims related to the sale of wine nationwide.

**Result:**

Defeated preliminary injunction. Favorable settlement for client.

**Practice Area:** Copyright, Domain Name and Trademark Litigation, Healthcare, Intellectual Property

**Key Issues:** Copyright Infringement

**Venue:** Northern District- San Jose Division District Court

**Client Type:** Defendant; Software Manufacturer

Represented defendant in a copyright infringement and related torts case concerning a license agreement in the medical software field.

**Result:**

Negotiated favorable settlement for client.

**Practice Area:**

**Venue:** Santa Clara County Superior Court

**Client Type:** Defendant; Software Manufacturer

Represented defendant against claims of defective software.

**Result:**

Favorable settlement obtained.

**Practice Area:** Intellectual Property, Trade Secret Protection and Litigation

**Key Issues:** Trade Secret

**Venue:** Santa Clara County Superior Court

**Client Type:** Defendant; Computer Peripheral Manufacturer

This was a trade secret and related torts dispute concerning the computer peripheral industry.

**Result:**

Defeated preliminary injunction and favorable settlement reached.

**Practice Area:** Copyright, Domain Name and Trademark Litigation, Intellectual Property

**Key Issues:** Trademark Infringement; Breach of Contract

**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California - San Francisco Division District Court

**Client Type:** Defendant; Call Center

Represented defendant in a trademark infringement, breach of contract related to licensing/distributorship agreement.

**Result:**

Obtained favorable settlement for client.

**Practice Area:** Copyright, Domain Name and Trademark Litigation, Intellectual Property

**Key Issues:** Trademark Infringement

**Venue:** San Luis Obispo County Superior Court

**Client Type:** Defendant; Sporting Goods Store

Our client, the defendant, is a sporting goods store accused of trademark infringement, trade dress and unfair competition related to the use of State University logos and marks on articles of clothing.

**Result:**

Preliminary injunction defeated.

**Practice Area:** Copyright, Domain Name and Trademark Litigation, Intellectual Property

**Key Issues:** Trademark Infringement

**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California- San Francisco Division

**Client Type:** Defendant; Winery

Plaintiff claimed infringement and unfair competition action related to the sale of wine under a specific name.

**Result:**

Obtained favorable settlement for client.

**Practice Area:** Business And Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property, Trade Secret Protection and Litigation

**Key Issues:** Trade Secret

**Venue:** USDC: District of Colorado

**Client Type:** Defendant; Computer Peripheral Distributor

This was a trade secret and unfair competition dispute related to employees leaving plaintiff and joining defendant and involving customer lists in the computer peripheral industry.

**Result:**

A favorable settlement was reached.

**Practice Area:** Copyright, Domain Name and Trademark Litigation, Intellectual Property, Trade Secret Protection and Litigation

**Key Issues:** Copyright Infringement; Trade Secret

**Venue:** USDC: Northern District of California

**Client Type:** Plaintiff

Represented Plaintiff/Defendant, a management consulting group, and Defendant, president of the management consulting group, in this copyright, trade secret case.

**Result:**

A favorable settlement was reached.