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# **Biography**

Mindy Sooter's practice focuses on patent litigation and other intellectual property and business disputes, with an emphasis on cases involving telecommunications, electrical engineering and computer science. Ms. Sooter has represented a variety of clients in courts throughout the United States, as well as the International Trade Commission, regarding technologies such as wireless networks and components, fiber-optic networks and components, firewalls and gateways, semiconductors, distributed computing systems and database technologies.

Prior to joining WilmerHale, Ms. Sooter was a partner focusing on intellectual property litigation at another firm in Denver, Colorado.

Ms. Sooter is also an adjunct professor teaching patent litigation at the University of Colorado School of Law.

## **Recent Highlights**

In recent years, Ms. Sooter's work has prevailed in or successfully resolved numerous cases, including:

- Successfully obtaining dismissal and an award of attorneys' fees of more than \$425,000 in a patent case involving optical network design and components.
- Successfully obtaining a \$12 million jury verdict after a jury found that a competitor had engaged in willful patent infringement, willful trade dress infringement and intentional false advertising.
- Successfully obtaining a summary judgment of non-infringement, and subsequent affirmance by the Federal Circuit, in a patent case involving more than 100 asserted claims and two patents relating to multidimensional database technology.
- Successfully obtaining dismissal on behalf of a software company in a multijurisdictional case involving mapping software.
- Successfully obtaining a dismissal on behalf of a medical corporation in a case involving the technical performance of distributed computer systems.
- Successfully obtaining a summary judgment and complete dismissal of a \$20 million licensing claim on behalf of a healthcare diagnostics company.

### **Honors & Awards**

- Named 2014 IP Supporter of the Year by the Silicon Flatirons Center at the University of Colorado Law School
- Recognized in the 2014 edition of Intellectual Asset Management Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners
- Named a "Rising Star" by Colorado Super Lawyers in 2012
- Selected as an "Up and Coming Lawyer" in 2008 by Law Week Colorado

# **Speaking Engagements**

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#### PRACTICE

Litigation/Controversy Intellectual Property Litigation

#### EDUCATION

JD, University of Colorado School of Law, 2003, Editor, *Law Review*, Order of the Coif

ME, Telecommunications, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1999

BS, Electrical Engineering, *magna cum laude*, Texas A&M University, 1990, Tau Beta Pi

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado United States Patent and Trademark

United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### CLERKSHIPS

The Hon. Ferdinand F. Fernandez, US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2004 - 2005 The Hon Mary I Mullarkey, Colorado

The Hon. Mary J. Mullarkey, Colorado Supreme Court, 2003 - 2004



• Moderator, "Technological Change, Ethics and the Law," 2014 Gathering of the Bench and Bar at Colorado Law (October 2014)

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- Speaker, "Dealing With Experts, Including Rule 26 Employee Experts," Patent Litigation 2014, Practising Law Institute (October 2014)
- Speaker, "Copyright Policy and the Future of Television," University of Colorado Law School (May 2014)
- Speaker, "Strategic & Transactional Patent-Eligible Subject Matter: Implications for the Biotech, Medical Device and Software Industries," Practising Law Institute (2014)
- Speaker, "Before the Trial: The Pleadings, Motions and Other Factors that Determine What Gets to Trial in a Patent Case," Practising Law Institute (2012)
- Speaker, "Scope of Patentability and Other Patent Policy Levers," Silicon Flatirons (2012)

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