

Jackie Nakamura

Expedited Arbitrator



Jackie Nakamura is a San Francisco-based FedArb expedited arbitrator for complex commercial disputes involving intellectual property, technology, antitrust, insurance and employment matters. She brings more than 20 years of intellectual property litigation and counseling experience to matters that require technical fluency, disciplined case management and efficient resolution.

Ms. Nakamura's background spans pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical devices, semiconductors, robotics, artificial intelligence, large language models, social media platforms and e-commerce. She also has international experience involving Europe, Japan and Australia, including the strategic coordination of multijurisdictional

patent litigation, prosecution, opposition and enforcement matters.

Before focusing on neutral work, Ms. Nakamura represented clients in complex patent and technology disputes in federal courts in California and Texas. She was a partner at Howrey LLP, where her practice included patent litigation and strategy for medical device, pharmaceutical, drug discovery and internet systems matters. She previously was a partner at Day Casebeer Madrid & Batchelder LLP, where she handled domestic and international patent litigation and represented clients in patent infringement actions through trial and appeal.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Nakamura practiced intellectual property litigation and patent prosecution at Cooley Godward LLP and Morrison & Foerster LLP. She also served as a law clerk to the Hon. Vaughn R. Walker of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

Through FedArb, Ms. Nakamura is available for expedited arbitrations requiring experience with patent, technology, antitrust, employment, insurance and complex commercial issues.

Representative Experience

- Patent litigation and strategy involving medical devices, pharmaceuticals, drug discovery and internet systems in federal courts in California and Texas
- Strategic intellectual property counseling and litigation consulting for technology and life sciences companies



- Domestic and international patent litigation, including coordination of multijurisdictional portfolios involving prosecution, opposition and enforcement in the United States, Europe and Japan
- Patent infringement actions through trial and appeal
- Inter partes and ex parte reexamination proceedings
- Patent prosecution and litigation involving biotechnology, medical device, chemical and diagnostic inventions
- Due diligence involving IPOs and acquisitions

Former Positions

- Founder, Nakamura Law, San Francisco, 2012-present
- Partner, Howrey LLP, East Palo Alto, California, 2009-2011
- Partner, Day Casebeer Madrid & Batchelder LLP, Cupertino, California, 1999-2009
- Associate, Cooley Godward LLP, Palo Alto, California, 1995-1998
- Associate, Morrison & Foerster LLP, Palo Alto and San Francisco, 1991-1995
- Law clerk to the Hon. Vaughn R. Walker, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, 1990-1991

Court and ADR Panels

- Neutral ADR panelist, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, 2025-present
- Judge pro tempore, Santa Clara County Superior Court, 2019-present

Education

- University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, J.D., 1990
- Stanford University, B.S., biological sciences with honors, 1984

Admissions

- California State Bar
- Massachusetts State Bar, inactive
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office



Selected Publications and Presentations

- “United States Patent Marking and Notice Statute,” P. Moore and J. Nakamura, 22 AIPLA Q.J. 85, 1994
- “Strategies for Concurrent Patent Litigation and Reexamination,” Patent Law Institute, San Francisco and New York, 2010
- “U.S. Patent Law Reform,” DeClercq Brants and Partners, Sint-Martens-Latem, Belgium, 2010

Professional and Community

- Advisory Committee on Protective Orders, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, 2010
- Asian Law Alliance Advisory Board, San Jose, 2007-2018
- Japanese American Citizens’ League, San Jose Chapter, sponsor of Masuo and Machiko Nakamura Memorial Scholarship, 2000-present

Sidebar

Location: San Francisco, California

Role: Expedited arbitrator

Areas of Expertise

- Intellectual property
- Patent disputes
- Technology disputes
- Complex commercial disputes
- Antitrust
- Insurance
- Employment
- Pharmaceuticals
- Biotechnology
- Medical devices
- Semiconductors
- Robotics
- Artificial intelligence and large language models
- Social media platforms
- E-commerce