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MARGARET AVRIL LAWSON graduated from Dartmouth College, *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, and Harvard Law School. Ms. Lawson joined the firm in 1982 and is co-chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice. Her intellectual property practice includes trademark, trade secret, copyright and right of publicity. Ms. Lawson has extensive experience in drafting and negotiating license agreements, technology transfer agreements and other contracts in areas that include biomedical technology, computer software and hardware, e-commerce, publishing and franchising. She oversees the registration and maintenance of trademark portfolios in the United States and foreign countries.

Ms. Lawson's practice also has included representation of limited liability companies, corporations (including nonprofit associations) and partnerships in a variety of business matters, including mergers, acquisitions and financing transactions.

She is a member of the Cincinnati Intellectual Property Law Association and the Intellectual Property Law Section of the American Bar Association. Ms. Lawson also serves as secretary of the Harvard Law School Association of Cincinnati. She has published articles, and lectured and moderated the International Trademark Association's roundtable discussions concerning the right of publicity, trademark and other intellectual property topics. Ms. Lawson was honored as the 1999 Leading Woman in Law by Leading Women, a coalition of Greater Cincinnati women's groups. She was a member of Leadership Cincinnati Class XXIV, sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and was appointed to the Steering Committee. She is recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* in four categories: copyright law, corporate law, information technology law and trademark law. She was also named an Ohio Super Lawyer, a listing of the top five percent of Ohio attorneys published by *Cincinnati Magazine*. She sits on the



Practice Groups:

Emerging Companies, International, Intellectual Property, Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secret, Mergers and Acquisitions, Health and Life Sciences, Franchise and Distribution, Business Succession Planning, Business & Finance

Bar/Court Admissions:

Federal
Southern District of Ohio
State
Ohio

Year First Admitted to Practice Law:

1982

Education:

Harvard Law School (1982),
Dartmouth College (1979)

board of the Executive Service Corps of Cincinnati (ESCC) and is on the Board of Trustees for the Economics Center at the University of Cincinnati. Ms. Lawson currently serves on the Executive Committee, has served as a member of the firm's Recruiting Committee and has chaired the Professional Women's Resource Group (PWRG).

**Professional Affiliations /
Recognitions:**

AV Peer Review Rating
(LexisNexis/Martindale-Hubbell),
American Bar Association, Best
Lawyers in America, Cincinnati Bar
Association, Cincinnati Intellectual
Property Law Association, Cincy
Business Magazine, Leading Lawyers,
International Trademark Association,
Leadership Cincinnati, Ohio Super
Lawyers, One Hundred Wise Women,
Professional Women's Resource
Group, Top 10 Tristate Women in
Business Law, Cincy Women's
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