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“My goal when working with clients is to make the experience a collaborative one, keeping them up-to-date and garnering their valuable input while taking the pressure of the litigation grind off their shoulders. I think that communication and clarity are key, and strive to bring those qualities to every matter that I work on.”

Delfina Homen is an intellectual property litigator and has represented clients from diverse industries in lawsuits involving patent, trademark, and copyright infringement, trade secrets, unfair competition, and tort and contract disputes. She also advises and represents clients in trademark opposition and cancellation proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and patent inter partes review proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

In addition to her litigation practice, Delfina is at the forefront of the evolving intersection between artificial intelligence and intellectual property. She counsels clients on the complex legal implications of AI-generated works, data usage, and emerging technologies, with a focus on protecting innovation and mitigating risk in a rapidly shifting landscape. Delfina also contributes thought leadership on how AI is reshaping IP law particularly in areas involving inventorship, authorship, and enforcement.

Delfina uses her advocacy skills and intellectual property knowledge to advise and represent clients in the international sphere, helping clients protect their intellectual property and defend their products with U.S. Customs & Border Protection and the International Trade Commission. Through her work in these administrative proceedings, Delfina has developed an understanding of regulatory issues not seen in the typical litigation, and can provide clients with valuable insights as a result.

Delfina also brings her considerable breadth of IP knowledge to the firm’s Privacy & Data Security Team and its Cannabis Team.

Delfina understands that not every matter is destined for litigation. She partners with clients to obtain favorable resolutions for each unique situation. Delfina has successfully represented clients in private and court-ordered mediations. She also has experience drafting, reviewing, and negotiating trademark usage agreements, litigation settlement agreements, and licensing agreements.

Education

J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School, *magna cum laude*, 2010

- Form & Style Editor, *Environmental Law*

B.S., Oregon State University, *magna cum laude*, biology, with minors in botany and chemistry, 2004

Bar Admissions

Oregon, 2010

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2021

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit, 2018

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, 2011

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2011

Outside of litigation, Delfina is experienced in IP procurement and enforcement. She has worked on numerous trademark and patent applications, assisting clients in obtaining the IP protection they need to grow and support their business strategies. Delfina has also organized and run large trademark, patent, and copyright enforcement programs for national companies.

Before law school, Delfina worked as an undergrad research assistant at Oregon State University and then after college as a research assistant at Shriner's Hospital for Children and Oregon Health & Science University.

Professional Activities

- Oregon Women Lawyers, Member
- Oregon State Bar, Member

Publications

- "Bringing AI Use Out of the Shadows: Why AI Governance and Policy Matter," *Portland Business Journal* (Feb. 2026)
- "Regulatory Whiplash: The Latest on Cannabis Rescheduling and What It Means for Hemp," Miller Nash (Dec. 2025)
- "From Cocktails to Mocktails: Protecting Your Brand in America's \$9 Billion N/A Market," Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (Sept. 2025)
- "When Man Beats Machine: The Latest in Artificial Intelligence and Copyright," Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (Apr. 2025)
- "Considerations for K-12 Schools When Using Generative Artificial Intelligence Tools," Miller Nash (Mar. 2025)
- "That's Not Fair! Fair Use Defense Denied for AI Training Materials," Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (Feb. 2025)
- "Navigating the Legal Risks of AI: Intellectual Property and Privacy Considerations," *Portland Business Journal* (Feb. 2025)
- "Don't let the robots win: Know how to protect higher ed IP in an AI world," *Campus Legal Advisor*, author (Nov. 2024)
- "Cannabis Rescheduling and What It Means for Trademark Owners," Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (May 2024)
- "Ninth Circuit Decision Quietly Blesses Cannabusiness Practice of Federal Trademark Registrations for Branded 'Tobacco Products'," Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (Apr. 2024)
- "The Spooky' Truth Behind AI: IP and Privacy Concerns in Training Bioscience AI Models," Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (Oct. 2023)
- "Paradise Lost: No Copyright for AI-Created Works," Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (Aug. 2023)
- "The Accidental Infringer: What You Need to Know about Copyright When Using Photos from the Web," Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (May 2023)
- "Generative AIs Challenged by Copyright and Related Rights: A Comparative Approach in European and US Law," Multilaw Content Hub, Coauthor (Mar. 2023)
- "Les IA Génératives à L'épreuve du Droit D'Auteur Et Des Droits Voisins Approche Comparée en Droit Européen Et Américain Données / Contenus Entrants (1Ère Partie)," *Expertises*, Coauthor (Mar. 2023)
- "Celebrating Women in Tech: Female Pioneers in Medicine," Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (Mar. 2023)
- "Celebrating Women in Tech: Hedy Lamarr, the 'Mother of Wi-Fi,'" Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (Mar. 2023)
- "Man v. AI Machine: The Continuing *Paradise* Saga," Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (Feb. 2023)

- “Paradise Denied: Copyright (Or Not) In AI-Generated Images,” Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (Jan. 2023)
- “The Struggle is Real: Federal Trademark Registration for Cannabis and Hemp-Derived Food and Beverages Remains Elusive,” Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends*, coauthor (Oct. 2022)
- “Don’t Let Your Core Brands Fall Victim to Trademark Trolls,” Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (Aug. 2022)
- “The Ninth Circuit Leaves Open the Delta-8 THC Legal Loophole in an Intellectual Property Dispute,” Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends*, coauthor (May 2022)
- “Priority “UNTAMED”: Enforceable Priority in Madrid-Registered Mark Does Not Require Use of Mark Before Infringement Commences, Says Ninth Circuit,” Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (May 2022)
- “THC-Infused Candies are All Tricks, No Treats, Says Candy Maker,” Miller Nash, *IP & Technology Law Trends* (Oct. 2021)
- Stevens, S.L., T.M. Ciesielski, B.J. Marsh, T. Yang, D.S. Homen, J.L. Boule, N.S. Lessov, R.P. Simon, and M.P. Stenzel-Poore (2008). Toll-like receptor 9: a new target of ischemic preconditioning in the brain. *Journal Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism* 28(5): 1040–1047.
- Longnecker, K., D.S. Homen, E.B. Sherr, and B.F. Sherr. (2006). Similar community structure of biosynthetically active prokaryotes across a range of ecosystem trophic states. *Aquatic Microbial Ecology* 42(3): 265–276.

Presentations

- “Artificial Intelligence in K-12 Schools: Why you Need a Policy — And How to Build One,” Coalition of Oregon Law School Administrators, 45th Annual Law School Conference (Dec. 2025)
- “Considerations for K-12 Schools When Using Generative AI Tools,” Oregon School Personnel Association, Spring Conference (Apr. 2025)
- “How To Protect Your IP by Avoiding Common Trademark Mistakes,” Miller Nash, IP Webinar (Jan. 2025)
- “Generative AI and IP: Implications for K-12 Institutions,” Coalition of Oregon School Administrators (COSA), Annual Oregon School Law Conference (Dec. 2024)
- “The New Age of Sports: Navigating High School Athletics and Protecting Your Schools’ Intellectual Property,” National School Boards Association, Council of School Attorneys Fall School Law Seminar (Oct. 2024)
- “Privacy 101: Navigating the Digital Frontier,” Miller Nash (June 2024)
- “Legal Priorities for Startups,” Oregon Startup Center Workshop (May 2023)
- “Trademark Licensing in the Cannabis Industry: Legality, Disclosure, Diligence, and Key Provisions,” Strafford CLE Webinar (March 2023)
- “School Intellectual Property Rights,” Confederation of Oregon School Administrators, 42nd Annual Oregon School Law Conference, copresenter (Dec. 2022)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*® (Portland, OR)
 - Litigation—Intellectual Property, 2026-present
 - Litigation—Patent, 2026-present
- Selected for inclusion as a Washington Super Lawyer—Rising Star, 2016

Personal Activities

When she’s not in the office, Delfina enjoys taking barre classes, wine tasting, knitting, antiques, and traveling.