



TOP 50 UNDER 45

From appellate guru to anti-counterfeiting strategist—all through the varied spectrum of IP—these winners are distinguished by their sheer brainpower, legal smarts, creativity and hard work.

—Pamela Sherrid, Editor, *IP Law & Business*

EDITOR'S NOTE

I have never sat on an admissions committee for Harvard or Princeton, but I now have much more empathy for their difficult task. How do you make the cut among so many qualified applicants? We began soliciting nominations for our Top IP People Under 45 feature last winter—230 impressive individuals were proposed, some multiple times. To anyone who didn't make our 50-person list, here are some of the reasons.

Like any Ivy League admissions committee, we were looking for a certain amount of diversity. That meant we wanted to include representatives from the many facets of IP: trademark, copyright, patent, and trade secrets, and different kinds of practices, such as litigation, transaction, and policy work. Likewise, we wanted to include a wide range of geography and top-notch law firms, and for the most part included only one person from each firm. And we limited the attorneys to those who practice U.S. law.

But enough of who is *not* on the list: Those who made it offer a unique

and dynamic portrait of today's IP world. They combine raw brain power with hard work, canny legal skills, and a talent for being in the right place at the right time. Perhaps my favorite tale in the collection is the one told by writer Susan Hansen of the meeting a few years ago at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, where former U.S. Army captain and biology Ph.D. Jane Love was up for partner. According to managing partner William Lee, as the assembled partners listened to Love's accomplishments, one of the other partners leaned forward and asked, "Are they telling me all this to try to make me feel bad about myself?" In response, I say, no, we aren't trying to make you feel bad, but rather proud of the IP community that can nurture such talent.

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From hotshot litigators to savvy in-house managers, the best of IP's young masters.



KATHRYN CLUNE, 40

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Six years as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps, trying cases up to murder, landed Katie Clune in her current line of work. When Clune was working as an associate at Dorsey & Whitney, an IP partner needed a lawyer with trial experience and was willing to teach her the ropes. Learn she did. Clune has won all ten patent cases she has handled so far (two more are pending) for long-standing client Arlington Industries, a developer of electrical and communications products. Last year she moved to Crowell & Moring from Greenberg Traurig to build her international trade commission practice. Washington, D.C.-based Clune represents Sprint Nextel Corp. in the *Broadcom Corp. v. Qualcomm Inc.* brawl at the ITC.