



## Tanya S. Gaylord

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Tanya Gaylord brings a unique litigation and multicultural perspective to help domestic and international clients innovate, protect, and commercialize products, services, and brands while avoiding potential disputes.

As a registered U.S. patent attorney with nearly a decade of experience and a Master of Science degree in electronic engineering, Tanya focuses on patent preparation and prosecution and patent opinions in the electronic, electrical, software, electromechanical, and computer software fields. She has drafted and prosecuted more than 1,000 patent applications related to wireless communication modules, automotive and aircraft electronics and control systems, autonomous driving, Internet of Vehicles (IoV), artificial intelligence, machine learning, welding systems, battery technology, semiconductor modules and fabrication, medical devices, medical diagnostics and imaging, electrical motors and control circuits, image processing, payment processing, optical sensors, optical filters, lenses, and imaging systems, household appliances, refrigeration and cooling control systems, printers, testing equipment, digital interfaces, antennas, portable electronic devices, and Internet of Things (IoT).

Tanya successfully balances client needs and cost with obtaining strong and enforceable protection. She assists individuals, startups, and companies of all sizes in developing and managing their intellectual property portfolios with a personalized approach that clients appreciate. While Tanya is always available for friendly discussions and interviews with USPTO examiners or opposing counsel, she does not hesitate to assert and pursue clients' positions with pre-appeal, appeal, or litigation.

Prior to her legal career, Tanya was an electronics and automation engineer at the Research Institute for Magnetic and Optical Systems in Sofia, Bulgaria, where she was involved in

developing an automated system for design of electronic components.

When not working, Tanya enjoys spending time with her husband Rex and their Shiba Inu dogs, traveling and competing in American Kennel Club (AKC) conformation dog shows. She is also an aspiring AKC judge.

### **Education**

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- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law (J.D., 2009); Law Review, Notes Editor; CALI Awards for the highest grade in Trial Advocacy, Advanced Legal Analysis, and Immigration Law
- Technical University of Sofia, Bulgaria (M.S. in Electronic Engineering and Microelectronics, minor in Electronics and Automation Engineering, 1990)

### **State Admissions**

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- Ohio, 2018
- Nevada, 2009

### **Federal Admissions**

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- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States District Court, District of Nevada

### **Languages**

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- Bulgarian (fluent)
- Russian (fluent)
- German (proficient)

### **Service Areas**

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- Intellectual Property
- Patent Procurement
- Autonomous Vehicles & Artificial Intelligence Technologies
- Trademarks
- IP Litigation
- Trade Secret Litigation
- Patent Litigation
- IP Business Strategy & Agreements

### **Industries Represented**

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- Computers & Electronics
- Consumer Products
- Electrical Equipment
- Information Technology
- Machinery Manufacturing
- Medical Devices
- Semiconductors
- Software
- Telecommunications

### **Experience**

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- Represented plaintiff in a trademark and trade name infringement dispute; case settled immediately after service of the complaint and temporary restraining order issued against the infringing defendants
- Successfully appealed USPTO examiners' final rejections of inventions related to wireless communications modules and semiconductor fabrication
- Represented several defendants against claims for theft of trade secrets and breach of contract in an asset purchase dispute; the case was litigated to a settlement on terms the client considered favorable
- Represented plaintiffs in a security fraud dispute; case settled immediately after service of the complaint and temporary restraining order issued against the defendants
- Represented several defendants in a breach of contract dispute; successfully limited defendants' liability by establishing that the plaintiffs failed to present competent evidence of the amount of damages; case settled during the jury trial on terms the clients considered favorable
- Represented several plaintiffs in a partnership dispute; successfully disqualified defendants' expert witness (who was a practicing attorney) on grounds of improper legal opinions; case settled on terms the clients considered favorable
- Successfully appealed the lower court's order denying summary judgment in clients' favor and set aside the lower court's judgment in favor of the opposing party in a breach of contract action based on personal guarantees secured by real property
- Successfully defended on appeal and obtained affirmance of the lower court's order granting summary judgment in clients' favor in a breach of contract action based on personal guarantees secured by real property

### **Honors**

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- Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada (LACSN)
  - » Pro Bono 100 Hour Club (2012)

» Pro Bono 50 Hour Club (2011)

**In the Community**

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- The Kathleen M. O'Malley American Inn of Court, Barrister
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association