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Stephanie (Stevie) Casino is a Contract Specialist at Emory University in the Office of Technology Transfer and is a co-chair of the NYIPLA Young Lawyers Committee.

Stephanie is a recent law school graduate with diverse legal experience that includes working at a boutique IP law firm, UNH's Franklin Pierce School of Law IP and Transaction Clinic, and at the Dartmouth Technology Transfer Office. During law school, she was the Lead Articles Editor for *IDEA: The Law Review of the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property*. Prior to law school, Stephanie worked in the pharmaceuticals industry in medical communications. She has a longstanding passion for IP, innovation, and scientific development.

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Thomas Hart is an associate who started working at Amster, Rothstein & Ebenstein as a law clerk in May 2019. Thomas practices in all areas of intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, and copyrights. He assists in representing clients from global leaders in retail to University researchers on the cutting edge of science.

Thomas' experience touches all forms of IP. He has prepared and drafted patent applications, drafted *inter partes* review petitions, and has performed prior art analyses for a variety of clients. In Trademark litigation, Thomas has also drafted discovery motions and motions *in limine*. With respect to copyrights, Thomas has helped to prepare trademark applications for website, database, and software filings. Thomas frequently performs legal research across all areas of IP.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- **Charles R. Macedo, David P. Goldberg, Thomas Hart, Yangfan Xu coauthor Article for Oxford University Press's Journal of Intellectual Property Law & Practice on Round-up of United States copyright cases 2023**
- **NYSBA Bright Ideas Publishes Article - The Metaverse: From Science Fiction to Commercial Reality—Protecting Intellectual Property in the Virtual Landscape**

ARELAW ALERTS

- **ARE Copyright Alert: U.S. Supreme Court Issues Ruling on the Application of the First Prong of Fair Use Defense**
- **ARE Copyright Alert: California Court Differs from NY - Applies Server Test to Rule That Embedding Posts Does Not Constitute Copyright Infringement**

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IN THE PRESS

- **Charley Macedo, John Dellaportas, David Goldberg, Thomas Hart, and Jamie Zipper Co-Author Article For IP Watchdog on the Supreme Court's Weigh in on Lower Courts' Improper Use of Rules 56 and 36**
- **Dennis Crouch's Patently-O Daily Review: Justice is Not Silent: The Case Against One-Word Affirmances in the Federal Circuit**

EDUCATION

- Columbia Law School, New York, NY J.D., 2022
Honors: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar (2020, 2021, 2022); Deans Honors - Criminal Law; Deans Honors - Constitutional Law
- Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, B.A. (Government; Engineering), 2019

BAR ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit, 2023
- New York, 2023

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & DISTINCTIONS

- New York Intellectual Property Law Association



Richard F. Kurz – Haug Partners LLP

Richard Kurz is a partner in Haug Partners LLP's New York office. His practice primarily focuses on intellectual property counseling and litigation. His litigation experience includes numerous district court cases and appeals for innovator life sciences companies concerning biologic and pharmaceutical drug products, with allegations that include patent infringement, inventorship disputes, inequitable conduct, false advertising, breach of contract, and business torts. This experience includes both brand vs. generic litigation under the Hatch-Waxman Act and brand vs. brand cases. In addition, he assists clients with counseling, due diligence, freedom-to-operate analyses, IP/know-how/trade secrets protection, and licensing and collaboration agreements concerning intellectual property rights, including drafting and negotiating contracts. He also represents clients for patent and trademark matters in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He has worked with clients in diverse industries that include pharmaceuticals, biopharmaceuticals, nutritional supplements, medical devices, software, computer systems, and materials processing. Prior to law school, he worked in industry for seventeen years in engineering and manufacturing management positions. In his spare time, he teaches a course as an adjunct professor at UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law titled "Pharmaceutical Patents – Patent Protection and Litigation in the Life Sciences Industry."



Mitchell Stein – Patrick Doerr PLLC

Mitchell Stein is a partner at Patrick Doerr. For over thirty years, Mitch has helped helps clients create, develop and protect their brands. He registers and protects clients' trademarks and other intellectual property rights, negotiates licenses, endorsement and other commercial agreements, crafts sweepstakes and contest rules, and advises clients in connection with launching and operate e-commerce websites and protecting the privacy of customer data, He also represents clients in intellectual property disputes, both in court and before the Trademark Trial and Appeals Board. Mitchell has extensive experience working for clients in a wide range variety of industries, including consumer packaged goods, fintech and blockchain, e-commerce, sports and entertainment, gaming, fashion, software, biotech and medical devices.