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### Areas of Practice & Industry Specialties

Intellectual Property Law; Health Care/Life Sciences; Internet Law, E-Commerce & Social Media; Start-Ups & Early Stage Companies; Technology; Agribusiness



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Cecily Anne O'Regan is Of Counsel in the Firm's San Francisco office, and a registered patent attorney with over 25 years of experience in patent and intellectual property law. Ms. O'Regan focuses her practice on securing worldwide intellectual property protection and related business strategy for emerging technology clients, with an emphasis in the medical device, biometric, software, and clean technology sectors.

As an entrepreneurial patent professional, Ms. O'Regan combines legal, academic, and business credentials with her hands-on experience in providing strategic, market-focused patent portfolio development and intellectual property advice for clients. She also performs patent due diligence to assess patent portfolios for venture capital investment, mergers and acquisitions, and licensing opportunities.

Ms. O'Regan is a named inventor on eight issued patents and 12 patent publications in the medical device and software fields. She is also Adjunct Faculty at the University of San Francisco, School of Management where she has taught Entrepreneurial Management and Entrepreneurial Law. She is also a frequent business plan competition judge and entrepreneur mentor. Ms. O'Regan is a published author on intellectual property law, as well as the past president of the Palo Alto University Rotary Club of Rotary International. In 2015, the Palo Alto University Rotary Club awarded Ms. O'Regan the Bo Smith Award for blending the club's vision with that of Rotary International, in 2016 she was awarded the Kenneth C. Kaufman Charter President Award for being the most innovative member in keeping with the club's maverick culture, and in 2018 she was awarded the President's Award for service above and beyond the call of duty.

### Representative Matters

Medical Technology Patents

- [U.S. Patent 7,502,641](#) for Method for Imaging the Relative Motion of Skeletal Segments
- [U.S. Patent 8,417,328](#) for Electrical Systems for Detection and Characterization of Abnormal Tissue and Cells
- [U.S. Patent 8,676,293](#) for Devices, Systems and Methods for Measuring and Evaluating the Motion and Function of Joint Structure and Associated Muscles, Determining Suitability for Orthopedic Intervention, and Evaluating the Efficacy of Orthopedic Intervention
- [U.S. Patent 8,721,572](#) for Systems, Devices, Kits and Methods for Therapy of the Eye
- [U.S. Patent 8,771,205](#) for Cough Detector
- [U.S. Patent 8,777,878](#) for Devices, Systems and Methods for Measuring and Evaluating the Motion and Function of Joints and Associated Muscles
- [U.S. Patent 9,026,190](#) for Portable Physiological Parameter Detection and Monitoring Device with Integratable Computer Memory and Communication Disk, Systems and Methods of Use Therefor
- [U.S. Patent 9,277,879](#) for Systems and Devices for Integrated Imaging System with Real-Time Feedback

#### Loops and Methods Therefor

- [U.S. Patent 9,491,415](#) for Methods, Systems and Devices for Spinal Surgery Position Optimization
- [U.S. Patent 9,566,030](#) for Optical System for Detection and Characterization of Abnormal Tissue and Cells
- [U.S. Patent 10,028,858](#) for Intrauterine Systems, IUD Insertion Devices, and Related Methods and Kits Therefor

#### Electronics and Software Patents

- [U.S. Patent 8,374,407](#) for Live Finger Detection
- [U.S. Patent 8,600,122](#) for Apparatus and Method for Culling Substantially Redundant Data in Fingerprint Sensing Circuits
- [U.S. Patent 8,698,594](#) for System, Device and Method for Securing a User Device Component by Authenticating the User of a Biometric Sensor by Performance of a Replication of a Portion of an Authentication Process Performed at a Remote Computing Device
- [U.S. Patent 8,716,613](#) for Apparatus and Method for Electrostatic Discharge Protection
- [U.S. Patent 8,787,632](#) for Apparatus and Method for Reducing Noise in Fingerprint Sensing Circuits
- [U.S. Patent 8,799,666](#) for Secure User Authentication Using Biometric Information
- [U.S. Patent 8,810,457](#) for Orthogonal Modular Embedded Antenna with Method of Manufacture and Kits Therefor
- [U.S. Patent 8,811,723](#) for User Input Utilizing Dual Line Scanner Apparatus and Method
- [U.S. Patent 8,821,242](#) for Systems and Methods for Enhancing Cognition
- [U.S. Patent 8,904,495](#) for Secure Transaction Systems and Methods
- [U.S. Patent 9,116,509](#) for Rhythm Brain Fitness Processes and Systems
- [U.S. Patent 9,595,758](#) for Dual-band, Series-aligned Antenna, Method of Manufacture and Kits Therefor
- [U.S. Patent 9,716,314](#) for Steering Systems and Methods
- [U.S. Patent 9,747,097](#) for Devices, Systems and Methods for Segmented Device Behavior

#### Miscellaneous Patents

- [U.S. Patent 8,393,298](#) for Aquarium with Airlift-Generated Rotating Water Flow, Methods of Use and Kits Therefor
- [U.S. Patent 8,821,205](#) for Low-Drag Fin and Foil System for Surfboards

#### Publications

- Intellectual Property: Overview and Strategies for Entrepreneurs, December 12, 2017
- Using GATT-TRIPs to improve Development Opportunities: A Proposal for Central America, *Hastings Sci. & Tech. L.J.* 7, 2015, January 1, 2015
- Tips for Getting the Most out of a Bootstrapped IP Budget, *VentureBeat*, October 23, 2009
- Is Intellectual Property a Hurdle for Transferring Technology to Developing Countries? If so, How High of a Hurdle?, *Hastings Sci. & Tech. L.J.* 1, 2009, January 1, 2009
- To Cite or Not to Cite-That is the Question: The Dilemma Faced by U.S. Patent Practitioners in the Wake of McKesson, *CIPA Journal*, January 28, 2008
- Can the United States Meet its Obligation to Protect Intellectual Property Rights Under the International GATT/TRIPs Agreement After the Florida Prepaid Cases?, *35 USF L. Rev.* 407, 2001, January 1, 2001

#### Presentations

- Presenter, "Intellectual Property and Sustainable Technology," Hult University, San Francisco, November 28, 2022
- Presenter, "International Jurisdiction and Privacy," University of San Francisco, August 28, 2020
- Presenter, "Intellectual Property Overview," University of San Francisco, April 10, 2020
- Panelist, "Started from the Bottom - Now We're Here," Women in Business, November 14, 2017
- Presenter, "Intellectual Property," 2016 San Francisco Regional Mensa Gathering "Brilliance by the Bay", November 19, 2016
- Presenter, "Intellectual Property: Understanding the Building Blocks of Silicon Valley, ," Hult International Business School, December 4, 2015
- Presenter, "Intellectual Property: Understanding the Building Blocks of Silicon Valley," Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Santa Clara University, November 3, 2015
- Presenter, "Intellectual Property Overview for Entrepreneurs," Silicon Valley Immersion Program, School of Management, University of San Francisco, April 7, 2015
- Presenter, "Silicon Valley Entrepreneurial Ecosystem," University of Potsdam (Germany), March 5, 2013
- Panelist, "How to Protect Your Device and Company Against Counterfeit," Medical Devices and In Vitro Diagnostics, RAPS Regulatory Convergence Conference, Seattle, WA, October 30, 2012
- Presenter, "The Legal Side of Seed," HBS Angels Webinar, February 29, 2012
- Presenter, "Understanding the Challenges and Opportunities for the Entrepreneur in the Current Economic Climate," Trinity College Dublin, October 4, 2011
- Presenter, "CREAME, Centro Integral de Servicios Empresariales," Silicon Valley Immersion Program, Colombia and University of San Francisco, July 19, 2011
- Presenter, "Intellectual Property," Plug and Play Startup Camp, July 12, 2011
- Panelist, "Challenges to Safeguarding Your Product in a Global Market," RAPS Annual Conference & Exhibition, San Jose, CA, October 25, 2010
- Moderator/Presenter, "CREAME, Centro Integral de Servicios Empresariales," Silicon Valley Immersion Program, Colombia and University of San Francisco, Medellin Colombia, September 7, 2010
- Presenter, "Developing and Protecting a Valuable Medical Device Patent Portfolio," Best Practices for Top Medical Device Executives in Development of IP Documentation, Protection Patents in the US and Abroad and Licensing of IP in Commercial Partnerships Conference, San Mateo, CA, April 6, 2010
- Presenter, "Intellectual Property Overview for Entrepreneurs," Silicon Valley Immersion for Executive Managers, The School of Business and Professional Studies, University of San Francisco, November 3, 2009
- Presenter, "Intellectual Property Basics for Entrepreneurs," The Matrix Mixer, The Paul Merage School of Business, Don Beall Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, University of California Irvine, October 22, 2009
- Presenter, "The 2009 Reform Act and Updates on Legislation," Best Practices for Top Medical Device Executives in Development of IP Documentation, Protection Patents in the US and Abroad and Licensing of IP in Commercial Partnerships, July 7, 2009

## Education

Ms. O'Regan earned her J.D. at University of San Francisco School of Law, where she was on Law Review. She earned a Master of Laws with distinction at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland) in Innovation, Technology and the Law. She earned her B.S. from the University of California at Irvine, and a Graduate Certificate in BioDesign from Stanford University.

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## Bar Admissions

- California
- Massachusetts
- District of Columbia
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Canadian Patent Office (inactive)
- Solicitor in the Senior Courts of England and Wales (inactive)

### **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of California
- District of Columbia, Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

### **Community**

- Adjunct Professor of Entrepreneurial Management and Entrepreneurial Law, University of San Francisco
- Past President, Palo Alto University Rotary Club of Rotary International
- Legal Services for Entrepreneurs (part of Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights) and Hastings Legal Garage – Perform pro bono patent work
- Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights – Perform pro bono work for asylum seeker
- Lead of IndieGogo Campaign, goal of building women's health clinic in El Salvador