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Education

J.D., Columbia Law School, 2013
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B.S., Biochemistry, University of
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Leslie Demers concentrates her practice on complex litigation and arbitration involving patents, trade secrets, copyright, trademark and other intellectual property litigation, as well as counseling on IP diligence, licensing, freedom to operate and protecting intellectual property rights. Ms. Demers has handled matters involving technologies across varied industries, including artificial intelligence, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, renewable energy, industrial machinery, semiconductors and information technology.

In recognition of her work, Ms. Demers has been named one of *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Global IP Lawyers, a Rising Star by *New York Law Journal* and one of *Thomson Reuters' Stand-out Lawyers*. She has also been repeatedly selected to *Benchmark Litigation's* 40 and Under list and honored as one of *Best Lawyers' Ones To Watch in America*.

Ms. Demers' representative engagements include:

- securing a jury verdict for defendant Universal Alloy Corporation in a trade secret misappropriation case concerning aluminum alloy aircraft parts brought by Arconic Corp. (f/k/a Alcoa) in the Northern District of Georgia
- serving a leading role in multiple trade secret cases in the AI space, including defending claims for an AI-driven biotech company and, on the plaintiff side, asserting claims on behalf of an AI-driven data analytics company and on behalf of a technology company that specializes in innovative chillers for AI-ready data centers
- serving as the lead Skadden lawyer in an ongoing copyright infringement matter
- asserting and defending patent infringement claims in an ongoing dispute involving cybersecurity competitors
- representing design houses, including jewelry and shoe design brands, in highly publicized disputes to protect intellectual property such as trademark, trade dress and design patent rights
- defending a brand name drug defendant in an antitrust proceeding following settlement of Hatch-Waxman cases
- representing a U.S. manufacturer of induction heating units in a patent infringement suit
- advising on IP disputes relating to the bankruptcy of a global renewable energy development company
- a bet-the-company arbitration involving an IP licensing dispute
- representing a leading flavor and fragrance company in a trade secret, unfair competition and breach of contract action
- defending an API manufacturer in Hatch-Waxman litigation

Ms. Demers also devotes time to *pro bono* matters, including in conjunction with Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, which provides legal aid to New York artists and inventors.