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Overview

Nancy has more than 25 years of experience both as in-house counsel and in private practice counseling clients in connection with the selection, registration, protection and enforcement of their intellectual property.

Nancy's vast experience includes counseling clients in industries ranging from apparel to food and alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages. She also has particular experience with long-range strategic counseling for trademark acquisition and exploitation.

She is a frequent presenter on a variety of topics related to trademarks and copyrights, including issues related to social media and the wine and spirits industry.

Previously, Nancy served as trademark counsel for The Coca-Cola Company and also as assistant division counsel for The Minute Maid Company.

Areas of Focus

- [Intellectual Property, Privacy & Technology](#)
- [Consumer Brands & Goods](#)
- [Copyright, Trademark, Trade Secret & More](#)
- [Food & Beverage](#)
- [High Net Worth & Luxury Law](#)
- [Intellectual Property Licensing & Transactions](#)
- [Sports & Entertainment](#)
- [Tribal Governments & Enterprises](#)

Admissions

- Washington, 2001
- California, 1989
- District of Columbia, 2001
- Georgia, 1988

Education

- J.D., University of California, Berkeley Law, 1987
- Masters of Education, Seattle University, 1984
- B.A., Seattle University, 1979

Honors & Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Trademark Law, 2026

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association, Member
- American Corporate Counsel Association, Member
- American Intellectual Property Association, Member
- California State Bar Association, Member
- Georgia State Bar Association, Member
- International Trademark Association, Member
- Leadership Tomorrow, Graduate, 2003
- Loren Miller Bar Association
- National Bar Association, Member

Community Activities

- Foundation House at Northgate, Board Member
- Youth & Law Forum Seattle, Advisor

News & Insights

News

[71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2026 Best Lawyers in America; Paul Trinchero Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.21.25](#)

[Seattle Indian Health Board Research Helps Create Government Task Force for Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives](#)

[01.07.20](#)

Events

[INTA 2025 Annual Meeting](#)

[5.17.25-5.21.25](#)

[INTA 2024 Annual Meeting](#)

[5.18.24-5.22.24](#)

[“Intellectual Property for Artists: Protecting your Art,” Washington Lawyers for the Arts](#)

[07.29.21](#)

[“Trademarks – Gateway to Shopping: A Generalist’s Guide to Trademark Practice,” Intellectual Property \(IP\) for the Non-IP Specialist](#)

[09.01.19](#)

Legal Alerts

[Don't Get Benched: 5 Rules for a Winning Super Bowl Campaign](#)

[01.27.25](#)

[The US Patent and Trademark Office \(USPTO\) Announces New Trademark Fee Schedule](#)

[01.07.25](#)

[Trademark Email Scam Alert: Did You Receive Notice of Attempt to Register Brand Name?](#)

[02.22.24](#)

[Is Your Super Bowl Marketing Campaign Playing by the Rules? 5 Tips to Help You Avoid Getting a Penalty](#)

[01.30.24](#)

[Planning a Super Bowl Marketing Campaign? 5 Quick Tips for Staying in Bounds and Avoiding Disqualification](#)

[01.23.23](#)

[U.S. Supreme Court Invalidates Law Against Offensive Trademarks](#)

[06.24.19](#)

Publications

[Navigating Ethical and Legal Frontiers in Generative AI: Key Takeaways from Day Two of INTA's Conference on The Business of AI](#)

[04.05.24](#)

[Navigating the Landscape of Generative AI: Insights from Day One of INTA's Conference on The Business of AI](#)

[04.02.24](#)

["Trademarks – Gateway to Shopping: A Generalist's Guide to Trademark Practice," Intellectual Property \(IP\) for the Non-IP Specialist, Washington State Bar Association](#)

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