

# Vanessa Bell

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Vanessa Bell is a registered patent attorney who focuses her practice on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in the software and electronics industry with areas of focus including machine learning, medical devices, financial systems, cloud computing, animation, and autonomous vehicles.

Prior to joining the firm, Vanessa worked as a patent attorney at an intellectual property law firm based in San Jose, California where she drafted and prosecuted patent applications in the areas of computer hardware and software. Previously, Vanessa was a patent attorney at an intellectual property law firm based in Los Angeles, California where she focused her practice on patent application drafting and prosecution in the mechanical and computer software arts including wearable devices and aeronautical systems.

While attending law school, Vanessa was a judicial extern in the Patent Pilot Program of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, a film music business affairs intern for Universal Pictures in Universal City, California, and an intellectual property and regulatory affairs intern at an international law firm in its Bangkok, Thailand office. She also served as Production Editor of the *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*.

Vanessa was recognized in 2025 as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Intellectual Property Law and Patent Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®. She was recognized as a Northern California "Rising Star" in 2022, 2023 and 2024 for Intellectual Property by *Super Lawyers* magazine.



## Education

University of Southern California Gould School of Law J.D. (2015) *USC Merit Scholarship*

University of California, Santa Cruz Extension Silicon Valley Certificate in Computer Programming (2010)

San Francisco State University M.S. (2009) Physics

University of California, Santa Cruz B.S. (2005) Physics (Astrophysics), *Regents Scholar*

## Admissions

California (2016)

## Court Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2012)

## Professional & Community Activities

University of Southern California Gould School of Law Alumni Association, Board Member (SF Committee)

Legal First Responders, Volunteer

ChIPs, Member

Contra Costa County Bar Association, Member

San Francisco Tenants Union, Volunteer Counselor (2011-2012)

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