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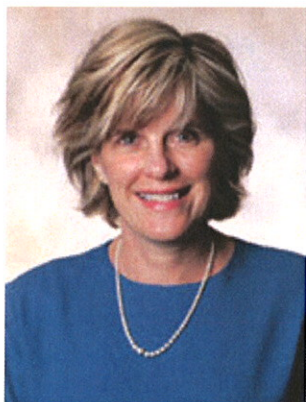


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## Volunteer Spotlight: Nancy Lutz

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**Nancy Lutz's** intellectual property law practice was launched in an unexpected way: her passion for IP was sparked while Nancy was taking a course in expository writing during her senior year at DePauw University. One day a copyright lawyer from New York paid a visit to her class to talk about his practice, and by the time the talk ended she was hooked! Nancy was inspired to earn a paralegal certificate; with that in hand, she began a job search in Chicago, choosing to interview only with IP firms. Now, 30 years later and 15 years after earning her law degree from The John Marshall Law School, her love of the field remains unchanged. "I think it's one of the best jobs around!" Nancy says. Her advice to young professionals is, "Do it! Dive in head first, and look forward to what comes your way. It's such an interesting livelihood."

Nancy is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, where her practice includes prosecution, counseling and enforcement relating to trademarks, copyrights and domain names. She says, "The best part about my job is that I can entertain others with tales of what I do to make a living. Who else gets to make friends worldwide and deal with issues from six of the seven continents in one day?"

Nancy has found another rewarding way to meet and work with colleagues and adversaries—through her volunteer work with INTA. She has been a valued contributor to the Association since her days as a paralegal, and her groundbreaking involvement with the Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition goes back to the very first year. Nancy remembers calling various law schools in those early days and asking if they would like to participate. "We have come a long way since then. This year, I'm chairing the committee, and we are pleased to report that we have 78 teams—the largest number ever!" Of her INTA involvement, she says, "I've worked in various capacities over the years with INTA's amazing staff and some of the best trademark professionals ever. There is such camaraderie."

Despite working long hours throughout her career, Nancy always makes time to volunteer for charitable causes within her community. For many years she taught English as a second language to adults from foreign countries, and she now teaches religion to an energizing group of Hispanic children. She says multitasking her efforts is the way to go: "I've entered sports competitions to raise thousands of dollars for various organizations through the generosity of family, friends and colleagues. Exercise: check. Socialize: check. Volunteer for charitable causes: check. I have met all three goals by running a marathon, riding my bicycle from North Carolina to D.C. and in-line skating from Athens to Atlanta, Georgia." Whew! A life well lived!

And, by the way, if you are the copyright lawyer that gave that presentation to her class so many years ago, Nancy would love to get in touch with you to let you know where your little talk has led!

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