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BIOGRAPHY

Gianna is a member of the firm's Business and Commercial Disputes Practice Group, as well as the Intellectual Property and Technology Disputes Practice Group.

Gianna received her J.D. from the Emory University School of Law. During her time as a law student, Gianna developed her advocacy skills and received recognition for this in different contexts. She won the Stange Award during her first year, a distinction of Emory Moot Court Society's 1L Stange Competition that recognizes the overall best appellate brief and oral argument. She later competed on Emory's Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition Team—winning Best Oralist Team and 2nd Place Overall Team at the Southeast Regionals, and going on to win Second Place Oralist Team at the D.C. Nationals—and subsequently served as a coach, with a focus on trademark law. She received a scholarship for her performance during Emory's Kessler-Eidson Trial Techniques Program, which

focuses on development of trial advocacy skills. Following these experiences, Gianna was named to the Order of Barristers in 2024.

Additionally while in law school, Gianna gained experience working with technology innovators through Emory Law's TI:GER program, and she worked as a research assistant in the area of intellectual property. She was a Pupil of The Hon. Charles Pannell, Jr. IP Inn of Court in Atlanta for two consecutive years, assisting with research and presentation on current topics in intellectual property law as well as participating in the Inn's community service projects.

Gianna holds her B.F.A. and M.F.A. from Florida State University, joining the field of law following a professional career in the arts.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Order of Barristers, Emory University School of Law, 2024
- Kessler-Eidson Income Account Scholar, Trial Techniques, Emory University School of Law, 2022-2023
- Dean's Award, Trademark Prosecution, Emory University School of Law, Fall 2022
- Stange Award, Emory Moot Court Society's 1L Stange Competition, Emory University School of Law, Spring 2022
- Top 10% Advocates for Oral Argument, Legal Writing, Research and Advocacy Course, Emory University School of Law, Spring 2022

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- State Bar of Georgia
- The Hon. Charles Pannell, Jr. IP Inn of Court, Student Pupil, 2022-2024

ADMISSIONS

- Georgia, 2024

EDUCATION

- Emory University, J.D., with honors, 2024

- Florida State University, M.F.A., 2018
- Florida State University, B.F.A., summa cum laude, 2013

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory
- Class Actions & Mass Torts

RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Territoriality v. Extraterritoriality in Intellectual Property," *Transnational Litigation Blog*, Emory University School of Law, 2022

RELATED INSIGHTS

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