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Attorney Jo Anna Pollock has recovered millions of dollars on behalf of the firm's intellectual property clients. She continues to focus her practice on helping inventors, artists, musicians and businesses develop and maintain equal footing in the marketplace by enforcing their intellectual property rights against companies that infringe those rights.

Jo Anna is responsible for handling all stages of disputes from litigation avoidance to litigating against entire industries. Jo Anna recognizes where settlement may be advantageous to her clients and uses her mediation and licensing experience to negotiate the most favorable licensing and settlement terms for her clients. Where litigation is appropriate, Jo Anna relies on her experience litigating in Illinois and Missouri state courts and federal district and appellate courts across the country. Some of her successes include first-chairing and second-chairing trials to verdict and obtaining multiple preliminary injunctions in copyright cases that forced defendants to remove infringing products from the market.

Jo Anna devotes significant time to pro bono work by offering free legal representation to children as a guardian ad litem

Bar and Court Admissions

- Illinois 2000
- Missouri 2001
- U.S. District Court Southern, Northern and Central Districts of Illinois
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. Court of Appeals Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law; Honors: Dean's List; Moot Court Board; Law Journal: The Journal of Health Law, Editor
- Lindenwood University, 1997, B.A.; Honors: Magna Cum Laude

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and by advising emerging artists, filmmakers and writers about copyright matters. Beyond advocating for clients, Jo Anna serves as an arbitrator through the state court of Illinois.

Representative Experience

Intellectual Property

News & Publications

"Evaluating Protective Orders for Discovery Materials," *Illinois Bar Journal*, November 2011

Speaker at national conference, Discovering Facts from Third Parties: When the Best Evidence is in the Hands of Someone Else, American Association for Justice, Annual Convention July 2011

"A Cure for the Blues: Resolving Nonprofit Blue Cross Conversions," *Journal of Health Law*, Winter 1999

Professional & Community Affiliations

- American Association of Justice, member of the Intellectual Property Group
- Illinois State Bar Association, member of Federal Civil Practice Section
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Madison County Bar Association, founder and chair of Student Internship Committee
- Volunteer, Guardian Ad Litem
- Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts
- Recreational youth basketball coach for Upward
- Edwardsville Community Unit School District, appointed member of Citizens Advisory Council

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property