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Dominic Rota concentrates his practice in the areas of patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, information security, and data privacy.

Mr. Rota is member of the Firm's Intellectual Property Group. As a registered patent attorney, Mr. Rota has prosecuted patents before and through the United States Patent and Trademark Office. He also has experience in prosecuting trademarks, as well as litigating patents, trademarks, and trade-dress claims in federal court.

Beyond intellectual property litigation and prosecution, Mr. Rota provides counsel on the adoption and maintenance of in-house intellectual property portfolios, and assists clients in preparing various intellectual-property agreements, such as licensing, development, and joint-endeavor agreements. Moreover, Mr. Rota helps clients come into compliance with federal and state legal frameworks directed to online platforms. This includes adherence to the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and other applicable federal and state data privacy procedures.

Representative Matters

- Represented a construction machinery entity in various *inter partes* review proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- Obtained a judgment on the pleadings asserted against a patent infringement client in the technology relating to dealer management and location devices.
- Defeated a motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction against a music festival client.
- Achieved a favorable settlement for a client pursuing federal trade-dress infringement claims in the retail basket and carting industry.
- Achieved a favorable settlement for a client defending against federal trademark infringement claims in the hospitality industry.
- Prosecuted patents in the mechanical, electrical, computer-information systems, and software industries before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Professional Honors & Activities

- Listed in *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Intellectual Property Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, and Patent Law (2021 – 2025)
- Nashville Bar Association – Young Lawyers Division Enterprise Award, 2021
- Member – Nashville Bar Association
 - Young Lawyers Division, Board Member
 - Carbolic Smoke Ball Committee, Co-Chair
- Member – American Bar Association
- Member – Tennessee Bar Association

Publications

- Co-author – "Artificial Intelligence: Intellectual Property Considerations for Your Business Operations" (November 2024)
- "The Importance of Filing Patent Applications for Software Inventions" (October 2024)

- "What Every Startup Enterprise Should Know About Protecting Intellectual Property," *Hypepotamus* (September 2024)
- "The Fast-Moving Race Between Gen-AI and Copyright Law" (July 2024)
- "Re-Considering the Right of Publicity in the World of Generative AI," republished in *IP Watchdog* (July 2024)
- "Don't Forget About NFTs! USPTO and USCO Issue Joint Study on the Interplay Between NFTs and Intellectual Property," republished August 2024, in *The Licensing Journal* (June 2024)
- Co-author – "Protecting Technology-Assisted Works and Inventions: Where Does Smart Technology End and AI Begin?," *Law.com* (February 2024)
- Co-author – "Generative Artificial Intelligence Asks Questions of Innovation in Patent Law" (September 2023)
- Co-author – "The Impact of the Supreme Court's *Goldsmith* Decision on Copyright Enforcement Against AI Tools," republished September 2023, in *Cybersecurity, Law & Strategy Journal* (July 2023)
- Co-author – "The Supreme Court Draws the Line on the Foreign Reach of the Lanham Act" (July 2023)
- Co-author – "Bottled in Bone: Court Sides with Jack Daniel's in Dog Toy Dispute – Trademark Fair Use is Limited" (June 2023)
- Co-author – "Intellectual Property Legal Issues Impacting Artificial Intelligence," republished June 5, 2023, in *Mealey's Litigation Reports* (April 2023)
- Co-author – "Staking Out a Claim for Inventorship: Challenges for the Collaborative Researcher," *American Bar Association Landslide*, Vol. 15, Issue 1 (September/October 2022)
- Co-author – "Licensing in Bankruptcy," Scott Douglass, Dominic Rota, and Michael Wennerlund, *American Bankruptcy Trustee Journal*, Vol. 38, Issue 2 (Spring 2022)
- Co-author – "IP Considerations for Non-Fungible Tokens: Protecting Tokenized, Virtual Assets in the Crypto World," *Tennessee Bar Journal Select* (October 2021)
- Co-author – "Thinking of Rebranding Post-Pandemic? The 'Tacking' Doctrine May Say Otherwise," *Tennessee Bar Journal* (May/June 2021)
- "And on the Seventh Day, God Codified the Religious Tax-Exemption: Reshaping the Modern Code Framework to Achieve Statutory Harmony with Other Charitable Organizations and Prevent Abuse," *Concordia Law Review* (Summer 2020)
- Co-author – "Pre-Implementation Strategy for Compliance with the CCPA and other Consumer Privacy Statutes," *Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Tennessee* (March 2020)
- "A Quantum Leap in International Law on Cyberwarfare: An Analysis on the Need for International Cooperation with Quantum Computing Power on the Horizon," *Harvard National Security Journal Online* (November 2018)



Speaking Engagements

- Co-presenter – "Issues Related to Inventorship," Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association (TIPLA) (May 2022)
- Co-presenter – "'Counselor, You're Muted': Maintaining Ethics and Professionalism in a Post-COVID World," Tennessee Bar Association Intellectual Property Section (April 2021)



Webinars

- AI and Intellectual Property (December 2023)



Education

- Belmont University College of Law, J.D., 2019, magna cum laude
 - Executive Development and Technology Editor, *Belmont Law Review*
- Belmont University, B.S., 2015, cum laude



Admissions

- Tennessee, 2019
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2019
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee