





# **Congratulate Our High-Performing Committee Members!**

INTA is pleased to announce the list of committee members selected in December 2024 for the Recognition of High-Performing Committee Members Program. As part of a continuing initiative to identify and celebrate high-performing committee members, this program enables committee chairs, vice chairs, and staff liaisons to acknowledge and highlight the contributions of outstanding committee members who have significantly advanced committee work during the term.

Through this program, committee leaders can express their appreciation for the personal time and effort these members have devoted to achieving and furthering the committee's objectives. These individuals received early access to registration for the 2025 Annual Meeting and were celebrated by their committees.

Please join us in congratulating and thanking our highperforming committee members!

~ Randi Mustello, Chief Governance Officer, INTA



Barbara Barron Kelly, Corsearch (United States) Academic Committee: International Course Subcommittee	Barb's leadership in developing the International Certification Course: The Lifecycle of a Trademark has been pivotal in advancing INTA's credentialing programs. Her strategic approach ensures the course delivers comprehensive and relevant content, establishing it as an invaluable resource for IP professionals worldwide. Barb's dedication to achieving the Association's objectives is evident in her innovative ideas, meticulous planning, and tireless efforts to elevate the program's impact.
Brian Beverly, Beeson Skinner Beverly, LLP (United States) Academic Committee: International Course Subcommittee	Brian's leadership in the International Certification Course: The Lifecycle of a Trademark has been invaluable in advancing the Association's objectives. His innovative ideas, process improvements, and subject matter expertise have significantly enhanced the course's development and success, ensuring it serves as a vital resource for IP professionals. Brian's contributions reflect his commitment to excellence and the growth of INTA's educational initiatives.
Joel Feldman, Greenberg Traurig, LLP (United States) Academic Committee: Professor and Adjunct Subcommittee	Joel has been instrumental in supporting professors and adjuncts, driving INTA's goals forward by increasing resources and fostering a stronger academic community within the organization. His thought leadership has inspired innovative approaches to academic programming, promoting meaningful dialogue and collaboration within the IP community. Joel's commitment to advancing the Association's objectives and creating meaningful opportunities for academic engagement has left a lasting impact on the committee and the broader INTA network.
Nick Guinn, Gunn, Lee & Cave, P.C. (United States) Academic Committee: Student Members Subcommittee	Nick excels in supporting student members and fostering a collaborative environment within the committee. His exceptional leadership inspires and motivates team members, driving engagement and productivity. Nick's dedication and ability to connect with others have made a lasting impact on the committee's efforts to empower the academic community and nurture the next generation of IP professionals.
Wilfrido Fernandez, Zacarias & Fernandez (Paraguay) Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee: Arbitration Subcommittee	Wilfrido Fernandez has done an excellent job leading the Arbitration Subcommittee. He was instrumental in the successful presentation Arbitration of Trademark Disputes: The Nuts and Bolts of the Process and Why to Use Arbitration at the 2024 Annual Meeting.
Floyd Mandell, Katten (United States) Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee: Mediation Subcommittee	Floyd Mandell has done an excellent job as Co-Chair of the Mediation Subcommittee. He was instrumental in the acceptance of the 'ADR: Preparing to Successfully Mediate an IP Dispute (and Avoiding the Pitfalls!)' session at the upcoming 2025 Annual Meeting. Floyd will be one of the speakers. We will be incorporating the article he co-wrote entitled 'Mediation Best Practices and Pitfalls - INTAcollaborate. In addition, Floyd will be working on the CLE materials with the moderator.
Alice Kelly, Ice Miller LLP (United States) Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee: Mediation Subcommittee	Alice Kelly has been active in the Mediation Subcommittee. She invited Chief Judge Rogers, Judge Michael Adlin, and Judge Melanye Johnson for a fireside chat with the ADR Committee at the 2024 Annual Meeting. We are working with these Trademark Trial and Appeal (TTAB) Judges to see if there is a way to promote mediation at the TTAB including providing pro bono mediation assistance.

<b>Dennis To, Ralph Lauren (Hong Kong)</b> Anticounterfeiting Committee: East Asia and Pacific Subcommittee	Dennis accepted the challenge and stepped up during summer to lead the ACC East and Asia Pacific Subcommittee to cover for the necessity of maternity leave of the SC Chair and he stands out for his performance in the role. His proactive attitude and continuous dedication to lead the groups of the SC's Objectives as well as proposals and ideas to engage with regional law enforcement agencies and representatives has been highly appreciated by the ACC leadership, SC members and ACC Staff Liaisons.
Scott Saunders, Eversheds Sutherland (South Africa) Anticounterfeiting Committee: Middle East and Africa Subcommittee	Scott has played an active role in his subcommittee already this term, regularly contributing to meetings including deputising, as well as providing insightful input for comments and submissions. Scott has also been engaging with online platforms in South Africa in support of the subcommittee objectives as well as being a key contributor to the planning and eventual successful Policy Dialogue in South Africa. The Anticounterfeiting committee is grateful for Scott's dedication, contributions and support.
T. Earl LeVere, Ice Miller LLP (United States) Anticounterfeiting Committee: Online Counterfeiting Global Project Team Subcommittee	Working within the ACC's Online Global Project Team, Earl has taken on leadership of a key ACC objective – the latest revision of the Addressing the Sale of Counterfeits on the Internet guide – and has worked hard to organize the objective team so that it may meet its deliverables in the new year. Earl's dedication and efforts showcase his commitment to anticounterfeiting for the committee and the association.
Sasha Mandakovic Falconi, Falconi Puig, Abogados (Ecuador) Brand Restrictions Committee: Alliances Subcommittee	He is the Chair of the Alliances subcommittee, well-organized and with a positive approach, he is doing his best in motivating members and in contacting external associations unrelated to IP, the harder task.
Andrea Pitts, Gowling WLG (Canada) Brand Restrictions Committee: Communications Subcommittee	She is the Chair of Communications, always ready to collaborate and bringing ideas to spread the Brand Restrictions issue everywhere. She contributed in organizing and held a seminar in front of NYIPLA CLE to attorneys and stake-holders regarding the increase in brand restrictions around the globe.
Caroline Chicoine, Husch Blackwell LLP (United States) Brand Restrictions Committee: Outreach Subcommittee	She is the Chair of Outreach and, in addition to high level of arguments and ideas she uses in the submission prepared, she is also well-organized, and she motivates committee members letting them have visibility.
Lorraine Fleck, Fleck Innovation Law (Canada) Brand Restrictions Committee: Outreach Subcommittee	She is a member of the Outreach and by far the tech savvy of the committee. She is continuously monitoring the web to track legislations, guidance, articles or sources that she proposes for possible submissions.
Jayne Durden, AMAZON.COM (United States) Brands and Innovation Committee: Programming Subcommittee	Jayne has been an extremely active and committed member. As leader of our Outreach Team within the Subcommittee, she successfully hosted an external event organized jointly by INTA and the DC-Maryland-Virginia IP Alliance at Amazon's offices in Arlington, Virginia, United States.
Jean-Philippe Mikus, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin (Canada) Brands and Innovation Committee: Programming Subcommittee	Jean-Philippe leads the Program Proposal Team within the Subcommittee and is very engaged in his role. He skillfully coordinated his team to propose two sessions for the 2025 Annual Meeting, resulting in one of them being accepted.

## Nithya Somasundaram, RK Dewan & Co (India)

Brands and Innovation Committee: Technology Monitoring Subcommittee Nithya leads the team on "Product & Counterfeit Technologies: Brand Owners Using AI and Other Technology to Combat Counterfeit." She has persistently and efficiently motivated team members to write summaries on the subject on a regular basis. She has also researched and authored a comprehensive Feature article titled "How AI and Legal Reform Can Work Together to Hit Back Against Counterfeiters in India," published in the INTA Bulletin in October 2024.

#### Natalia Franco, Lloreda Camacho & Co. (Colombia)

Brands and Innovation Committee: Technology Monitoring Subcommittee Natalia organized an INTA educational roundtable on "Artificial Intelligence: Risks and Implications in Using it for Trademark Matters," in Bogotá, Colombia. The event was so successful that she organized a "part 2" roundtable a month after, following requests from roundtable participants. Natalia repeatedly and kindly volunteers to take minutes of meetings, including at in-person meetings at Annual/Leadership Meetings.

### Jayde WOOD, Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP (Canada)

Commercialization of Brands Committee: Advertising and Regulations Subcommittee Jayde Wood, the Co-Chair of the COBC Advertising and Regulations Subcommittee, has been instrumental in updating the Global Advertising Law Questionnaire. Jayde has also organized lunches for her subcommittee during the 2024 Annual and Leadership Meetings. She was also a panelist for the session Ethical and Practical Considerations for Incorporating AI Technologies in Your Trademark Practice at the 2024 Leadership Meeting and moderated the session Harmonize Your Trade Secret Strategy to Build and Strengthen Brands at the 2023 Virtual Annual Meeting, where she was also part of the Project Team.

### Anuj Desai, Arnall Golden Gregory, LLP (United States)

Commercialization of Brands Committee: Advertising and Regulations Subcommittee Anuj Desai, a COBC member for two terms, has been a great addition to the Committee. As a part of the 2024 Annual Meeting Project Team, he moderated the session Candid Conversations–What Keeps Me Up at Night: Navigating Pressing Issues in Law Firm Management. He also participated in the panel Mediating Across Cultural Differences at the 2023 Annual Meeting. In a March 2024 feature in the INTA Bulletin, Anuj also sheds insight on what brand professionals can gain from understanding the business of a brand.

#### Nicolette Hudson, BATH & BODY WORKS BRAND MANAGEMENT, INC. (United States)

Commercialization of Brands Committee: Educational Programming and Resources Subcommittee Nikki Hudson, the Co-Chair of the COBC Educational Programming and Resources Subcommittee has demonstrated excellent leadership in her role as a Subcommittee Chair. She also presented the Licensing Chapter at the Finance for Non-Finance Legal Professionals Certificate Program Workshop at the 2024 Annual Meeting in a very interactive way. The Committee values her extensive INTA involvement and her passion for communicating the value of brand and trademark management.

### Christina Gensler, Caterpillar Inc. (United States)

Commercialization of Brands Committee: Licensing and Franchising Subcommittee

Christina Gensler is a Co-Chair of the Licensing and Franchising Subcommittee of the COBC. This is her second term on the Committee. Christina has been active in helping INTA develop a relationship with SPLiCE (The Society of Product Licensors Committed to Excellence). She has also shepherded various projects of the Licensing Subcommittee, such as the Global Modern License Template and the COBC Franchise Questionnaire project. She also participated on a panel on Name, Image, and Likeness Rights at the 2023 Leadership Meeting. The Committee is thankful to Christina for all her help.

### Scott Pink, O'Melveny & Myers (United States)

Data Protection Committee: Best Practices Subcommittee

For his consistency and determination in delivering results and contributing to every debate, and his ability to motivate others to contribute, including but not limited to the AI Draft Regulation review and the Direct Marketing Requirements survey.

Thomas Boddien, Nordemann Czychowski & Partner (Germany) Data Protection Committee: Best Practices Subcommittee	For his outstanding problem-solving skills and ready contributions to move forward with the Data as an IP Asset–part 2 project and coordination of the Direct Marketing Requirements survey.
Nina O'Sullivan, Mishcon de Reya (United Kingdom) Data Protection Committee: Education and Awareness Subcommittee	For consistently going above and beyond in every project, demonstrating serious commitment, including but not limited to the AI Draft Regulation review and contribution to the Data Protection Fact Sheet for brand owners.
James Tumbridge, KEYSTONE LAW (United Kingdom) Data Protection Committee: Legislation Subcommittee	For his meticulous attention to detail and dedication, ensuring the Committee's work is always of the highest quality. Special kudos to his outstanding contribution to the AI Draft Regulation review and comments.
Ivy Estoesta, Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C. (United States) Designs Committee: Designs Advocacy Subcommittee	Ivy led the US Project Team within the Designs Committee in an exemplary way. Under her leadership, the Project Team worked on several submissions filed with the USPTO. Ivy's commitment, expertise, and determination has been instrumental for the Project Team's achievements.
<b>Isabel Ibarra, PADIMA (Spain)</b> Designs Committee: Designs Policy Subcommittee	Isabel has given a high-quality contribution to several projects of the Designs Committee including leading submissions in public consultations around the world and participating in several meetings with EUIPO representing INTA and speaking on AI and design rights during EUIPO-INTA Industry Day.
<b>Divyendu Verma, Audiri Vox (United Arab Emirates)</b> Designs Committee: Designs Policy Subcommittee	For his excellent representation of INTA at WIPO's Diplomatic Conference to adopt a Design Law Treaty in Riyadh and for his participation as panelist in a "debriefing" webinar on the Diplomatic Conference.
Adrian Trioli, Adrian M Trioli - Intellectual Property (Australia) Designs Committee: Designs Policy Subcommittee	For his outstanding contribution to the projects implemented by the Designs Policy Subcommittee, including drafting comments for public consultations in Australia and on the Design Law Treaty.
Michael Geller, DLA Piper LLP (US) (United States) Emerging Issues: Artificial Intelligence Subcommittee	Michael is the Chair of the Emerging Issues AI Subcommittee, leading 50 members in such an important issue. He is a fantastic leader with great success in achiving objectives and in assisting the AI Advocacy Group in the preparation of the AI principles, along with other committees.
Gayle Denman, Dechert LLP (United States) Enforcement Committee: Bad Faith Working Group	Gayle Denman has shown strong leadership in advancing the Group's advocacy on the issue of bad faith with various trademark offices and courts, particularly in the Middle East.
<b>David Harris (United States)</b> Enforcement Committee: Bad Faith Working Group	David Harris has done an excellent job in leading the Working Group's efforts to finalize its draft report on what constitutes online trademark use and leading the group's advocacy efforts in this area.
<b>Bo Yu, QR-IP (Hong Kong SAR)</b> Enforcement Committee: China Working Group	Bo Yu has been consistently active in both objective setting and leading the Working Group towards achievement of their goals and demonstrating impressive commitment to advocacy in China.

Griffin Barnett, Perkins Coie LLP (United States) Enforcement Committee: Co-Existence Agreements Working Group	Griffin Barnett has made tremendous progress in finalizing the Working Group's multi-jurisdictional report on trademark office co-existence agreements practices and assessing opportunities for advocacy in this area.
Deborah Shapiro, Moses & Singer LLP (United States) Famous and Well-Known Marks Committee: Article 6 Bis Paris Convention Subcommittee	For outstanding work aligning and pursuing committee priorities through leadership of her subcommittee and project teams. Deborah has maintained momentum developed over prior committee terms to pursue long-standing objectives created to meet the evolving needs of INTA members and trademark ownersworldwide.
Rodrigo Bermeo-Andrade, Bermeo & Bermeo Law Firm (Ecuador) Famous and Well-Known Marks Committee: Evidence Notoriety Subcommittee	Through his consistent energy and inclusive leadership, Rodrigo continues to empower subcommittee members to get involved and identify and achieve new objectives in pursuit of overall committee priorities.
Richard Plaistowe, Mills & Reeve LLP (United Kingdom) Geographical Indications Committee: International Agreements and Harmonization Subcommittee	Richard has made a great contribution both to his subcommittee and the committee as a whole. He is always the first to volunteer for tasks, his attendance, online and in person, is exceptional and he even goes the extra mile to find and share articles that are of general interest to the Committee as a whole.
Kathryn Thornton, Ropes & Gray LLP (United States) Geographical Indications Committee: Regulation and Enforcement Subcommittee	Kathryn has been a driving force behind the progress we've achieved, both at the group level and within the USA sub-group. Always proactive and reliable, she consistently volunteers for tasks such as preparing meeting summaries and supporting her peers. Her responsiveness and insightful ideas have significantly enriched our discussions and outcomes. She is also an excellent lawyer and a passionate advocate for Gls, bringing expertise and dedication to every discussion. She has a good energy and is an inspiring team member.
Pushpam Jha, Saikrishna & Associates (India) Geographical Indications: GI Governance Subcommittee	Pushpam has put in a huge amount of work preparing the Geographical Indications survey which has been our major activity in the subcommittee in the year so far. Without his input we would not have been able to complete our draft. He has been proactive - asking what he can do to help - and we have been impressed with his energy and commitment.
Ginevra Righini, DLA Piper (Italy) Geographical Indications: Sustainability Subcommittee	Ginevra has provided valuable and helpful contributions to our projects. She spearheaded and completed the article on the review of the latest EU regulations on sustainability, and worked substantially on the case studies template giving excellent feedback. In producing the article, she collaborated with a fellow subcommittee member who was new to both committee work and GIs and who benefitted greatly from Ginevra's guidance. Ginevra was an excellent role model.
Amy Abeloff, Kirkland & Ellis LLP (United States) Harmonization of Trademark Law and Practice Committee: International Classification Subcommittee	Amy has been an invaluable member of the committee, consistently demonstrating dedication, insight, and a collaborative spirit. Her professionalism, reliability, and enthusiasm inspire the team and contribute significantly to our collective success.
Graham Honsa, Wilson Lue LLP (Canada) Harmonization of Trademark Law and Practice Committee: International Classification Subcommittee	Graham has been an invaluable member of the committee, his contributions have not only enriched our discussions but also helped drive impactful decisions. His professionalism, reliability, and enthusiasm inspire the team and contribute significantly to our collective success.

Gina Tressider, Russell Kennedy (Australia) Indigenous Rights Committee: Indigenous Rights Policy Analysis Subcommittee	Gina is an active member of the Committee, and regularly participates in her subcommittee discussions, sharing ideas and input towards the objectives and work product of the subcommittee. She readily volunteers to be involved, and contributed towards the ongoing work of the informational paper relating to indigenous rights. With a keen interest in the subject matter, Gina also worked on collating and formulating key considerations for indigenous rights protection within commercial contracts, and recently prepared a document relating to this space.
Jacob Wharton, Womble Bond Dickinson, (US) LLP (United States) Indigenous Rights Committee: Indigenous Rights Resources and Development Subcommittee	Jacob has been an active member and continues to contribute towards the objectives of the Committee. At the Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Jacob put together and moderated a panel session on the intersection of branding and indigenous rights, bringing together a panel of stakeholders for an engaging and lively discussion on the challenges, lessons and opportunities from the panelists' own experiences. The session was well attended and received, with many wanting to hear more–certainly a result of the great preparation and cohesion of speakers that was led and guided by Jacob.
Isabella Estabile Rocha de Jesus, UNIRIO (Federal University of the State of Rio de Janeiro) (Brazil) Indigenous Rights Committee: Indigenous Rights Resources and Development Subcommittee	Isabella presently heads a subcommittee task force in the preparation of an informational white paper to highlight key considerations and approaches for the protection of indigenous rights. Her enthusiasm and strong interests in indigenous rights shines through in the work that Isabella does for the committee, and she continues to be a motivating force towards the completion of the white paper. She is always ready to raise her hand to volunteer her assistance, and to contribute towards awareness and update articles and other such opportunities.
Aparna Watal, Halfords IP (Australia) Indigenous Rights Committee: Indigenous Rights Resources and Development Subcommittee	Aparna presently heads a subcommittee task force in the preparation of a best practices guide, that may be utilized by stakeholders to navigate considerations surrounding indigenous rights (for example: the use of traditional cultural expressions). Aparna has had a long interest and connection to indigenous rights, and her passion and diligence towards the work of the committee is commendable—she is always ready to contribute ideas, participate in discussions and to be involved in the work product of the committee.
Kevin Blum, NBC Universal Media, LLC (United States) In-House Practitioners Committee: Interactive Subcommittee	Kevin Blum is an outstanding committee member who has been instrumental in delivering impactful and relevant programming for in-house practitioners at the In-House Practitioners Workshop, ongoing roundtables, and coordination of the upcoming 2025 Annual Meeting corporate track. His proactive approach, collaborative spirit, and willingness to contribute in any capacity consistently set him apart as a true leader and valued team player.
Nina Ringen, LUNDGRENS (Denmark) INTA Bulletins Committee: Europe Subcommittee	As co-chair of the Europe Subcommittee, Nina has helped to lead the most prolific subcommittee on the INTA Bulletins Committee. She and her co-chair Elisabeth Mielke have delivered a steady stream of high-quality content for the INTA Bulletin covering top law and practice developments in Europe.
Elisabeth Mielke, UNIT4 IP Attorneys at Law (Germany) INTA Bulletins Committee: Europe Subcommittee	As co-chair of the Europe Subcommittee, Elisabeth has helped to lead the most prolific subcommittee on the INTA Bulletins Committee. She and her co-chair Nina Ringen have delivered a steady stream of high-quality content for the INTA Bulletin covering top law and practice developments in Europe.

Felicia Boyd, Norton Rose Fulbright (United States) INTA Bulletins Committee: North America Subcommittee	As co-chair of the North America Subcommittee, Felicia has remained a top contributor to the INTA Bulletin while fulfilling the duties of a subcommittee leader, authoring five articles and verifying an additional nine.
Megan Bannigan, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (United States) International Amicus Committee: United States Amicus Subcommittee	Provided excellent leadership in the working group that drafted one of the recent amicus briefs and did herself and her team most of the writing.
Martin Schwimmer, Leason Ellis LLP (United States) International Amicus Committee: United States Amicus Subcommittee	Drafted for the most part one of the most difficult and challenging, novel and technical briefs of this term, the one on NFTs and the Lanham Act.
Laura Chapman, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP (United States) International Amicus Committee: United States Amicus Subcommittee	Provided excellent leadership in the NFTs working group within the US Amicus Subcommittee, steering it smoothly and keeping with deadlines while inviting an expert to speak to the working group about the technical aspects of NFTs so that the working group could have a full understanding of the stakes at hand.
Claudia Ray, Kirkland & Ellis LLP (United States) International Amicus Committee: United States Amicus Subcommittee	Drafted a great part of a recent amicus brief while providing expertise and her past experience in the International Amicus Committee.
Alban Kwan, CSC Digital Brand Services (United States) Internet Committee: Digital Asia Subcommittee	Alban has proven to be an invaluable member of the Digital Asia Sub Committee, demonstrating a proactive and strategic approach to achieving the team's goals. Leveraging his extensive experience and in-depth knowledge of the digital landscape in Asia, he consistently contributes insightful perspectives on key issues, positioning him as a trusted thought leader within the group.
Alexis Crawford Douglas, K&L Gates LLP (United States) Internet Committee: Global Governance Subcommittee	Alexis has been pro-active and instrumental in driving the Internet Committee's Global Governance initiatives. Alexis is coordinating and moderating a workshop titled "Domain Name System abuse–Defined and Experienced" at the 2024 Internet Governance Forum (IGF), promoting INTA's Board Resolution on DNS Abuse and providing industry case studies of how such abuses impact internet users and vulnerable groups.
Mitchell Stabbe, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP (United States) Internet Committee: ICANN Engagement Subcommittee	Mitch is a high performing member of the INTA Internet Committee's ICANN Engagement Subcommittee. Through the first term of the Subcommittee, Mitch has helped hold the pen on several public comments submitted to ICANN, including INTA's public comments on an Initial Report of the Transfer Review Policy and Proposed Language for Draft Sections of the Next Round Applicant Guidebook.
Jordan Romanoff, BNY Mellon (United States) Internet Committee: Public Policy Subcommittee	Jordan is always willing to jump in on projects, and he has an upbeat attitude. This is his second term with the Internet Committee. As the head of the working group on fraud, he has really dug in on the potential for domain names to be used to commit fraud. Given his day job, he has a unique insight into that issue, and we appreciate all of the hard work he has been putting in to explain the issue to others. The working group is focused on making recommendations for INTA programs and policy.

Christopher Kindel, Pirkey Barber PLLC (United States) Law Firm Committee: Management Subcommittee	Christopher Kindel leads the Management Subcommittee with a strong focus on critical topics for law firm leaders, including inter-generational learning, retention, and staff engagement. All are key factors in ensuring the long-term success and sustainability of any law firm, and Christopher's advocacy for addressing these vital issues demonstrates his forward-planning approach. As a fair and dedicated leader, Chris fosters member engagement and drives meaningful discussions that can impact a practice or firm.
Kevin Costanza, Seed IP Law Group LLP (United States) Law Firm Committee: Technology Subcommittee	Kevin Costanza has been leading a new Law Firm Committee subcommittee focused on AI and Technology, a new area for many members. Through innovative programming and panel moderation, he is equipping members with valuable insights into the impact and future of this transformative technology. Additionally, Kevin serves on the AI Advisory Group, where he ensures seamless alignment and synergy by avoiding overlap in deliverables and complementing the initiatives of other committees.
Maria Jose Jiron Bendana, Bendana & Bendana (Nicaragua) Leadership Development Committee: Leadership BEST PRACTICES Subcommittee	Maria José is a key member of the Bootcamp Project Team, which organizes the Bootcamp sessions at both the Annual and Leadership Meetings.  Her dedication and strategic outreach were pivotal in securing two local leadership coaches for the Leadership Meeting in New Orleans. This marked the first time the sessions featured two different moderators, which would not have been possible withouther coordination and effort.
Shannon Bates, Harper & Bates LLP (United States) Leadership Development Committee: Leadership COMMUNICATIONS Subcommittee	Shannon has demonstrated exceptional leadership and organizational skills as one of the Co-Leads for the LINK Project Team. The team oversees the creation of the Leadership LINK newsletters, which serve as a resource for committee members and leaders. Under Shannon's guidance and leadership, the team successfully produced three different articles during the first year of the committee term. One of the articles was even picked up by the INTA Bulletin and republished as a feature. Shannon's meticulous organization and drive have been instrumental in enabling the team to reach their goals.
Jennifer Mikulina, McDermott Will & Emery LLP (United States) Leadership Development Committee: Leadership PROGRAMMING Subcommittee	Jennifer has been a standout contributor on the Annual Meeting Project Team within the Leadership Development Committee. The team's objective to develop a leadership session at the Annual Meeting was brought to life largely due to Jennifer's efforts. She played a crucial role in securing a leadership consultant for the panel, coordinating speakers, and moderating the session. Jennifer's skills resulted in a compelling panel on building leadership skills to advance careers.
Sergio Olivares, OLIVARES (Mexico) Leadership Development Committee: Leadership PROGRAMMING Subcommittee	As a member of the TMAP Project Team within the LDC, Sergio played a key role in developing the leadership session at the TMAP Meeting in Philadelphia. His active participation in planning discussions was essential to the panel's success. Further, he traveled from Mexico to Philadelphia to participate in the panel, providing a unique perspective appreciated by all the attendees.
Somboon Earterasarun, Tilleke & Gibbins (Thailand) Legislation and Regulation Committee: Asia Pacific Subcommittee	Somboon Earterasarun is very active, responsive, and one of the few who always attends the subcommittee meetings. Recently, he wrote an article for the INTA Bulletin on the Extension of Trademark Non-Use Period in Indonesia.
<b>Giulio Martellini, IP SKILL (Italy)</b> Legislation and Regulation Committee: Europe and Central Asia Subcommittee	Giulio Martellini is a very active member who regularly reports on news the region and suggests topics for further work within the committee.

Yasir Masood, Rouse (United Arab Emirates) Legislation and Regulation Committee: Middle East, Africa and South Asia Subcommittee	Yasir Masood has been an active and enthusiastic member of the MEASA subcommittee, contributing deep knowledge of trademark law in the Middle East and actively participating in person at Annual and Leadership meetings.
Marianne Adams, Major League Baseball (United States) Legislation and Regulation Committee: United States Subcommittee	Marianne Adams provides common sense insight on legislative issues raised by artificial intelligence technologies that assists the committee in working through how potential laws and regulations will affect INTA members. She regularly makes herself available to consult on these issues on short notice.
Peter Dawson, Wiggin LLP (United Kingdom) Non-Traditional Marks Committee: Europe and Central Asia Subcommittee	He is the Europe/Central Asia subcommittee head. He has good leadership skills- his subcommittee organized an in-person Policy Dialogue event in Brussels on September 19, 2024. The event brought together various national registries (such as the UKIPO and BOIP), private practice (such as Wiggin and Venner Shipley), in-house (such as Richemont and Philips) and technology providers (such as Corsearch). The discussion was wide ranging focusing on evolving consumer perception, the substantial value hurdle, forum shopping, and online brand enforcement. He also gave a detailed presentation during the leadership meeting recently.
Stefanos Tsimikalis, Tsimikalis Kalonarou Law Firm (Greece) Non-Traditional Marks Committee: Global Advocacy Cross Subcommittee	He is the Global Advocay Subcomittee head- quite enthusiastic and proactive. Heis also liaising with the TOPC on model examination guidelines.
Paula Bezerra de Menezes, Dantas Ruiz Advogados (Brazil) Non-Traditional Marks Committee: Latin America and Caribbean Subcommittee	She has been very active in writing articles and has assisted the group in contacting the Brazilian authorities for events. She volunteers regularly and was also the moderator for a recently organised webinar.
Jason Blair, Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP (United States) Non-Traditional Marks Committee: United States Subcommittee	Jason attends all committee matters, has great ideas, is on a Task Force, and uses his experience as a former USPTO examiner to bring context to new NTM cases and prosecution.
Shane Delsman, Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. (United States) Pro Bono Committee: Communications Subcommittee	Shane is being recognized as a High Performer on the Pro Bono Committee for his outstanding leadership as the project team leader for the Clearinghouse WorkingGroup. He has been instrumental in streamlining the intake process for the ProBono Clearinghouse, significantly improving efficiency and turnaround times.
Carly Regan, Stripe, Inc. (United States) Pro Bono Committee: Communications Subcommittee	Carly is being recognized as a High Performer on the Pro Bono Committee for her exceptional dedication and creativity in developing exciting content, including graphics and text, for the Committee's social media posts. As the leader of the Social Media Working Group, she has played a pivotal role in enhancing the Committee's online presence and outreach efforts.
Radhika Raju, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP (United States) Pro Bono Committee: Programming Subcommittee	Radhika (Ronnie) is being recognized as a High Performer on the Pro Bono Committee for her unwavering support and commitment to the Committee's initiatives. In addition to consistently reviewing applications for the Clearinghouse, Ronnie has gone above and beyond by taking on numerous approved cases in-house at her firm, demonstrating her dedication to advancing the Committee's mission.

Luis Aguilera, Arochi & Lindner Mexico (Mexico) Professional Development Committee: Mentoring Subcommittee	Having been assigned the role as Lead for the Mentee Recruitment team in March 2024, Luis stepped up to manage the work of the combined Mentor/ Mentee Recruitment team a few months later, and has been going above and beyond ever since. Luis' kind, diligent and straightforward leadership, in concert with the work of his entire team, has led to more than 40 new participants in the mentoring program. As Luis continues to drive the team, we look forward to a wonderful roster at the time the platform is launched.
Kevin Thompson, LEVIN GINSBURG (United States) Professional Development Committee: Portal Subcommittee	Kevin has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and expertise on the Portal Subcommittee throughout both terms. As our go-to expert in technical areas, he brings invaluable experience and ideas essential to the Portal's development. Reliable and diligent, Kevin always meets INTA deadlines with a logical and enthusiastic approach, adding significant value to the team. Kevin organized the workflow of materials for the Portal design and collaborated closely with INTA and the co-chairs. His insightful recommendations on data placement and user experience were instrumental in guiding design decisions, helping the team prototype and test multiple portal versions. We are fortunate to have Kevin on the subcommittee, as his dedication, organization, and contributions have been crucial to our success.
Austin Gardiner, HP INC. (United States) Professional Development Committee: Portal Subcommittee	Austin Gardiner provided his technical expertise in helping to beta test and ultimately launch the Professional Development Portal. Austin went above and beyond to mock up several proposed versions of the portal and had keen insights into design decisions that the Portal Subcommittee was working through. Throughout the process he had a good attitude and worked hard to help the Portal Subcommittee succeed.
<b>Ilene Tannen, Jones Day (United States)</b> Professional Development Committee: Programming Subcommittee	llene Tannen exemplifies dedication and excellence in volunteer service. By leading two high-quality sessions at the INTA Annual Meeting, she set the standard for professional development programming. A true team player, her focus and influence ensured outstanding results, reflecting the organization's values. Her contributions are a model of commitment and impact.
Karien Postma, Spoor & Fisher (South Africa) Public Information Committee: Developing Regions Subcommittee	Karien Postma is the co-chair of the Public Information Committee's Developing Regions subcommittee. Karien has actively participated in the Committee's work for the past two terms and her leadership this term is a valuable asset. Her Subcommittee members look to her for guidance, and she provides valuable perspectives on the particular needs of her home region to meet the objectives of her Subcommittee. More, Karien is willing to develop creative ways to encourage member participation and involvement in the Subcommittee's projects.
Emily Haas, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP (United States) Public Information Committee: Emerging Industries Subcommittee	Emily is chair of the Emerging Industries Subcommittee in the Public Information Committee. She provides great leadership and ideas involving all the subcommittee members and actively proposing within the team new industries to be covered. Her guidance and responsiveness makes a difference to keep things going and is always ready to assist the committee as a whole.
Rex Donnelly, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney P.C. (United States) Public Information Committee: Focus Group Subcommittee	Rex Donnelly is a standout contributor on the Public Information Committee. For the past two terms, Rex has reliably attended monthly subcommittee meetings and full committee meetings during INTA conferences, offering valuable contributions along the way. Rex recently completed a critical update to a glossary of trademark terms that we hope will soon be available for all to reference through the INTA SME page, and he continues to actively work toward the Committee's goals.

Jennifer is chair of the Resource Distribution Subcommittee in the Public Information Committee and very active in INTA. She always provides good material and resources. She leads all the meetings and helps the committee guide her subcommittee with new ideas that really makes a difference delivering material on time and keeps her subcommittee working to consistently to reach their goals.
As Co-Chair of the Publication Partnership Subcommittee of the Publications Committee, Merel has motivated the team to seek out collaborations with other committees, leading to more proposal submissions for new legal resources. She was closely involved in developing new guidelines for these resources as well as the online proposal submission form itself. She fosters a cheerful and upbeat environment.
Tatyana is a valuable member of the Publication Partnership Subcommittee of the Publications Committee. She diligently and expertly takes notes and minutes for all of the PPS meetings, helping to keep the group well-informed and focused, and to keep all of the Subcommittee projects on track, all with good grace and good spirits.
Melissa is a Co-Chair of the Resources Review Subcommittee of the Publications Committee. She and her Co-Chair have moved the work of the Subcommittee forward with focus and energy, creating a collegial and productive environment. The group has updated a significant number of Fact Sheets already this term, with more underway.
Stephen is a Co-Chair of the Resources Review Subcommittee of the Publications Committee. He and his Co-Chair lead their team with results-oriented purpose, with the group updating a significant number of Fact Sheets already this term, and more to come.
Vikram leads the ROP/Freedom of Speech's subcommittee and has successfully led to the preparation of a model law on ROP, which is likely to be (once finalized) a useful tool for countries that do not have law addressing ROP.
Holly leads the ROP Influencer's subcommittee, and has successfully led the subcommittees three tasks groups through a very productive term. They are nearing completion on guidance for drafting influencer agreements, finalizing research on case law impacting influencers, and preparing a panel for the Annual Meeting.
Nicholas leads the largest subcommittee on the ROP committee, the Sports, Actors & Celebrities Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is actively engaged each month, and making progress on preparing a report on NIL laws, preparing a panel for 2025 leadership meeting, and preparing Practical Guidance to Address AI in Contracting with/for Talent.
Rémi leads the ROP/State of the Law's subcommittee which has organized itself into working groups that are tracking and summarizing developments concerning the intersection of the right of publicity and AI in key jurisdictions around the world. The subcommittee is also actively collaborating with the Legislation and Regulation Committee in connection with advocacy tasks on NIL laws.

#### Kathleen Brennan, The Brennan Law Group, LLC (United States)

The Trademark Reporter Committee: Commentaries and Book Reviews Subcommittee Kathleen (Katie) Brennan is in her first term on The Trademark Reporter (TMR) Committee and already has proven herself to be a skilled topic generator and content solicitor. As a member of the TMR Commentaries and Book Reviews Subcommittee, Katie brings her enthusiasm and brainstorming ability to each subcommittee call. She has reached out to several potential authors to write for the TMR. She also has volunteered to write a TMR book review, which is no small feat. Pamela Chestek, the TMR's Chair, and Andrew Gray, its Vice Chair, support Katie's nomination.

#### Naomi Gray, Shades of Gray Law Group, P.C. (United States)

The Trademark Reporter Committee: Content Solicitation and Development Subcommittee Naomi Jane Gray is in her first term on The Trademark Reporter (TMR) Committee and already has proven herself to be a go-to peer reviewer and editor—particularly of content addressing complex and emerging subject matters. The TMR's Senior Editors, who are tasked with overseeing articles from submission to publication, have consistently praised Naomi's peer reviews. And with her experience as a copyright practitioner, Naomi may yet enhance the TMR's role in fulfilling INTA's stated mission to "support[] trademarks and complementary intellectual property" by soliciting (or even submitting) content on complementary IP.

### Mahua Roy Chowdhury, Royzz & Co (India)

Trade Secrets Committee: Stakeholder Outreach Subcommittee

As a member of the Trade Secrets Committee, Mahua has been an exceptional leader as chair of the Stakeholder Outreach Subcommittee. Her dedication and organizational skills have been instrumental in driving the subcommittee's progress. From developing clear objectives to ensuring regular and productive meetings, she has kept the team focused and on track. Her leadership has been critical in advancing our work toward key deliverables. Her contributions exemplify the commitment and professionalism that make this committee's work so impactful.

#### Jonathan Jennings, Pattishall, McAuliffe, Newbury, Hilliard & Geraldson LLP (United States)

Trade Secrets Committee: Trade Secret Legislation Subcommittee

Jonathan has been an exemplary leader as chair of the Legislation Subcommittee for the Trade Secrets Committee. Under his direction, the team has been diligently preparing comprehensive country- and region-based summaries of trade secret laws. These summaries are a cornerstone of our efforts to develop robust worldwide guidance for our membership. He has skillfully guided the subcommittee through in-depth discussions and ensured that our work remains aligned with the committee's overarching goals. His expertise and collaborative spirit have been central to progressing deliverables that will provide meaningful contributions to INTA.

### Tracy Cooke, Microsoft Corporation (United States)

Trademark Administrators Committee: Development Subcommittee

Tracy exemplifies excellence and dedication, making her a standout candidate for the High Performers Award. She has successfully project-managed the 2024 TMAC Award from inception to launch. Tracy is collaborating with her project team to meticulously document processes, which will provide a comprehensive roadmap for future teams. Her 2024 efforts build on the strong foundation she established during 2023—the awards launch year demonstrating her commitment to continuous improvement. As an effective co-lead of the Development Subcommittee, Tracy consistently provides thoughtful advice for managing committee members and serves as a reliable sounding board, offering invaluable support and guidance. Additionally, she is co-leading the creation of an innovative career development program with her Co-Chair, leveraging her organizational expertise and forward-thinking vision to drive its planned launch next year. Her exceptional leadership, strategic thinking, and unwavering commitment to advancing our Development Subcommittee initiatives make her truly deserving of this recognition.

### Alison Caless, Cantor Colburn LLP (United States)

Trademark Administrators Committee: Events Subcommittee

Ali has demonstrated exceptional leadership as Co-Chair of the Events Committee. She conducts committee meetings with remarkable proficiency, ensuring that all activities remain on track and that initiatives progress seamlessly. Ali possesses a unique talent for uniting the TMA Committee through both in-person and virtual events, fostering a strong sense of connection among its members. Her strategic planning skills are exemplary, as she consistently anticipates future needs to ensure that initiatives have ample time to develop into impactful projects. As one example, earlier this year Ali did an outstanding job spearheading the planning and execution of the TMA Brunch at the annual meeting, showcasing her ability to manage large-scale events with precision and creativity. Ali's contributions have been invaluable, and her dedication to the committee's success is truly commendable.

#### Sloane O'Hare, Alt Legal (United States)

Trademark Administrators Committee: Promotion Subcommittee

Sloane has demonstrated exceptional leadership as Co-Chair of the Promotion Committee. She has elevated the newsletter to an exemplary standard, creating polished and visually striking designs in Canva that have set a benchmark for other committees. Sloane's unwavering dedication to ensuring that every aspect of our work is highlighted and celebrated has been remarkable, ensuring that no accomplishment goes unnoticed. Her creativity, meticulous attention to detail, and steadfast commitment to promoting our successes have had a profound impact. Sloane's outstanding contributions to the TMA community make her highly deserving of formal recognition.

#### Keisha Leon, Red Bull North America, Inc. (United States)

Trademark Administrators Committee: Promotion Subcommittee

Keisha has excelled in her role as Co-Chair of the Promotion Committee. She ensures that TMA's social media promotions are consistently on point, maintaining impeccable organization and seamless operations. She tireless promotes TMA content on social media, also collaborating with INTA's social media team to ensure our initiatives receive the promotion they deserve. Keisha developed an outstanding content submission form and engineered a streamlined process, significantly simplifying content submission and management for everyone involved. Moreover, Keisha conducts her subcommittee meetings with absolute precision and exemplary structure, so effective that her methods have been adopted as a model for other subcommittees to maximize engagement. Recognized as a Rising Star last term, her dedication, organizational skills, and leadership have truly set a high standard, making her highly deserving of this recognition.

### Simon Brown, Adams & Adams (South Africa)

Trademark Office Practices Committee: Africa and Middle East TMO Relations Subcommittee Simon has quickly transformed the Africa-Middle East Subcommittee into one of the most active groups in the Trademark Office Practices Committee. That Subcommittee has historically been a slow-paced, almost empty, group, and Simon brilliantly managed to engage a large number of members, from a variety of countries, that have organized countless workshops and training sessions for TM Offices in that region, many of which are still in the early stages of the development of their IP laws and regulations.

### Catherine Farrelly, Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, P.C. (United States)

Trademark Office Practices Committee: USPTO Subcommittee

Catherine has handled the US Subcommittee of the Trademark Office Practices Committee masterfully. With the ever-changing rules and regulations of the USPTO, Catherine has managed to interact with officers of that institution to create a very fruitful partnership with INTA. Her group has taken part in several discussions about a wide range of subjects which affect the USPTO and users of their online systems worldwide, such as bad faith filings and increases in official fees, not to mention the recent adoption by the USPTO of a new online search system. Many of the online and in-person meetings of the US Subcommittee have been attended by officers of the USPTO, which also evidences her great work.

#### Tania Aoki Carneiro, Aoki, Ferreira, Mattioli & Yamashita Propriedade Intelectual (Brazil)

Unfair Competition Committee: Advocacy Subcommittee

Tania has been dedicated and committed to the advancement of the advocacy objectives of the UCC for 2 terms now, including in her latest role as Subcommittee Chair. Despite the at times challenging work of devising advocacy opportunities and encouraging local officials to engage, Tania has made sure that INTA kept providing any officials with the required information and best practices to promote change. She has continuously motivated and organized her team and is always looking to find ways to create further engagement towards the accomplishment of INTA's UC objectives.

#### Sungdoo Nahm, Barun IP & Law (South Korea)

Unfair Competition Committee: Advocacy Subcommittee

Sungdoo has been engaged in and now leading one of the most important working groups of the UCC, which is charged with outreach to international authorities to advocate for the improvement of unfair competition protections. As such, Sungdoo has been very dedicated to organizing the team and creating these outreach opportunities, despite the at times difficult terms of engagement. He also helped publish articles in cooperation with another working group to highlight changes in UC treatment in South Korea. Even with the time zone challenges, Sungdoo is present and active in all meetings and has proven himself to be a good leader, always encouraging and involving the team members. Members like Sungdoo enable INTA to effectively engage and advocate for improved legal IP protections worldwide.

#### Jan Jensen, Jensen Law Firm (United States)

Unfair Competition Committee: Advocacy Subcommittee

Jan Jensen has been a force of Committee work wherever she was placed: previously on the Enforcement Committee, leading the working group on precedential decisions with professional commitment and relentless dedication, she now leads a working group charged with publishing content on unfair competition to create some exposure for the topic and Committee. As such, this working group has already published numerous articles this year alone, including on some of the hottest topics related to UC. Jan is one of the rare members who will take on a project and inevitably turn it into a success by the force of her unwavering dedication to the subject matter. She is highly organized, keeps her team engaged and focused, and applies her professional expertise to deliver impressive results at all times. Jan's work deserves to be recognized, as it is members like her who keep INTA's content and advocacy results going!

#### Anna Wipper, KPMG Law Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH (Germany)

Unfair Competition Committee: Policy Subcommittee

Anna is a superstar: not only did she take over leadership of one of the new teams within the UCC when the appointed leader had to resign, she is also involved in the Presidential Task Force, where she was one of the leading contributors to the research and analysis of our results. She is always proactive, engaged and committed, and with her professional expertise and effective leadership style, she generates results and relentlessly advances the identified objectives. It is members like Anna who create the content and positions allowing INTA to advocate for best practices worldwide.

#### Arleen Castillo, Innventiva Espacio Legal (Dominican Republic)

Unreal Campaign Committee: Latin America and Caribbean Subcommittee Arleen is an outstanding member of the committee. She is passionate about the committee work and has conducted several presentations in her region. Her dedication to achieving the committee's objectives and spreading the Unreal Campaign message has been admirable. Her commitment and hard work have significantly contributed to our success, and inspired other committee members in the region.

#### Ignacia Leria, MICP Legal (Chile)

Unreal Campaign Committee: Latin America and Caribbean Subcommittee Ignacia has demonstrated outstanding performance in achieving the Unreal Campaign's core objective of raising consumer awareness about the dangers of buying counterfeit products. As an enthusiastic member, she has volunteered her time to spread this vital message by addressing students and conducting several presentations throughout 2024. Her dedication and commitment have been truly commendable.

Shabnam Jahan, RNA, IP Attorneys (India) Unreal Campaign Committee: Middle East, Africa and South Asia Subcommittee	Shabnam works tirelessly to further the Unreal message, educating young people about the dangers of buying counterfeits and encouraging them to buy the real thing. Shabnam has so far delivered five presentations in India and is working to extend the reach further by engaging influencers on social media. Thank you for your passion and continued efforts Shabnam.
Christy Coates (United States) Unreal Campaign Committee: North America Subcommittee	Christy has consistently performed well on the committee. She currently chairs the North American subcommittee, and her contribution has helped expand the Unreal Campaign's outreach by conducting several in-person student engagement sessions in North America, making mock presentations for the committee members, and generating new ideas for engaging the students globally. She is passionate about spreading the core message of the Unreal Campaign, and her efforts are deeply appreciated.
Patrick Gallagher, Barnes & Thornburg LLP (United States) Young Practitioners Committee: Awards and Fellowships Subcommittee	Patrick serves on the Awards & Fellowships Subcommittee of the Young Practitioners Committee, which organizes and executes the Tomorrow's Leader Award, particularly among Young Practitioners, among other initiatives. Patrick has been a committed member for two years and later elevated to serve as a co-chair of the Subcommittee based on his prior experience and dedication to the Subcommittee.
Annie Allison, Haynes and Boone, LLP (United States) Young Practitioners Committee: Digital Events Subcommittee	Annie serves as a co-chair of the Digital Events Subcommittee of the Young Practitioners Committee, which hosts online events geared towards young practitioners, among other initiatives. Over the past two terms in the Young Practitioner's Committee, Annie has demonstrated that she is eager to participate in all aspects of planning and hosting events. Annie routinely takes it upon herself to ensure that Subcommittee events are informative and enjoyable. Further, Annie's upbeat attitude is unmatched and helps foster participation among the Subcommittee members.
Sarah Sue Landau, Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman, P.C. (United States) Young Practitioners Committee: Digital Events Subcommittee	Sarah serves as a member of the Digital Events Subcommittee of the Young Practitioners Committee, which hosts online events geared towards young practitioners, among other initiatives. Over the past two terms in the Young Practitioner's Committee, Sarah Sue has demonstrated an ability to foster interesting ideas for events and routinely participates in all Subcommittee meetings. Further, Sarah Sue has demonstrated an ability to step into the spotlight by hosting her first ever event during this term.
Ana Leticia Allevato, Tauil & Chequer Advogados / Mayer Brown LLP (Brazil)\ Young Practitioners Committee	Ana serves on the Outreach Subcommittee of the Young Practitioners Committee (YPC), which serves the role of connecting young practitioners with the resources and initiatives of not only the YPC but the broader INTA community as well. Over the past year, Ana has demonstrated ongoing commitment and participation in numerous of the committee's initiatives. Her recent contributions include volunteering to create a video testimonial highlighting the benefits of INTA membership.

