



Miranda Sooter

Senior Associate

+1 704 444 1439 | miranda.sooter@alston.com

Charlotte | Vantage South End, 1120 South Tryon Street, Suite 300 | Charlotte, NC 28203-6818

Related Services

Intellectual Property ■ Patent Prosecution, Counseling & Review ■ Post Grant Review Proceedings

Miranda Sooter is a member of Alston & Bird's Intellectual Property – Patents Group. Miranda focuses her practice on preparing and prosecuting U.S. and foreign patent applications to strengthen and protect the vital patent portfolios of her clients. Miranda has been involved in the drafting and prosecution of patent applications in areas such as software applications, computer networking, mobile device applications, mechanical and electromechanical technologies, e-commerce, and real-time location services. She conducts in-depth freedom-to-operate analyses and prior art studies to advise clients on potential patentability, validity, and infringement issues.

Miranda has considerable experience representing clients in state, federal, and appellate courts throughout the U.S. and before the International Trade Commission (ITC) in a wide variety of cutting-edge technologies, including computer software, telecommunications, GPS, semiconductors, mass spectrometers, medical devices, and pharmaceutical products. Miranda has represented petitioners and patent owners in post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. Her familiarity with complex intellectual property and other commercial litigation matters informs her ability to counsel clients developing a comprehensive patent portfolio strategy.

Miranda received her J.D., summa cum laude, from the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law. She also received a B.S., summa cum laude, from the University of Central Missouri, where she was a recipient of the university scholar award.

Representative Experience

- Counsel to a multinational company specializing in security and identity solutions in four inter partes review proceedings.
- Counsel to a large financial services company strategically building its IP portfolio following an expansion into IoT, automotive, and mobile device software.
- Counsel to a global leader in online commerce, data analytics, machine learning and mobile application content delivery.
- Counsel to world leader in team collaboration tools and services.
- Counsel to a Fortune 100 company in three inter partes review proceedings relating to fluorine chemistry.

- Achieved a favorable settlement as counsel to a large cellular communications handset and technology company against one of the world's leading consumer technology companies in four ITC proceedings and several patent litigation cases pending in federal courts in Delaware and Wisconsin. The patents-in-suit, totaling 47 U.S. patents and more internationally, covered smartphone and touch screen technology. The disputes drew extensive press coverage, dubbed by one publication as the "smartphone smackdown."
- Counsel for a software provider asserting claims of theft of trade secret against a key competitor. The case resulted in a summary judgement victory on the client's behalf.

Professional & Community Engagement

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Patent Local Rule Committee (2017-2019)

Education

- University of Missouri – Kansas City (J.D., 2005)
- University of Central Missouri (B.S., 2001)

Admitted to Practice

- North Carolina
- Missouri
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office