



TOP 50 UNDER 45

From appellate guru to anti-counterfeiting strategist—all through the varied spectrum of IP—these winners are distinguished by their sheer brainpower, legal smarts, creativity and hard work.

—Pamela Sherrid, Editor, *IP Law & Business*

EDITOR'S NOTE

I have never sat on an admissions committee for Harvard or Princeton, but I now have much more empathy for their difficult task. How do you make the cut among so many qualified applicants? We began soliciting nominations for our Top IP People Under 45 feature last winter—230 impressive individuals were proposed, some multiple times. To anyone who didn't make our 50-person list, here are some of the reasons.

Like any Ivy League admissions committee, we were looking for a certain amount of diversity. That meant we wanted to include representatives from the many facets of IP: trademark, copyright, patent, and trade secrets, and different kinds of practices, such as litigation, transaction, and policy work. Likewise, we wanted to include a wide range of geography and top-notch law firms, and for the most part included only one person from each firm. And we limited the attorneys to those who practice U.S. law.

But enough of who is *not* on the list: Those who made it offer a unique

and dynamic portrait of today's IP world. They combine raw brain power with hard work, canny legal skills, and a talent for being in the right place at the right time. Perhaps my favorite tale in the collection is the one told by writer Susan Hansen of the meeting a few years ago at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, where former U.S. Army captain and biology Ph.D. Jane Love was up for partner. According to managing partner William Lee, as the assembled partners listened to Love's accomplishments, one of the other partners leaned forward and asked, "Are they telling me all this to try to make me feel bad about myself?" In response, I say, no, we aren't trying to make you feel bad, but rather proud of the IP community that can nurture such talent.

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From hotshot litigators to savvy in-house managers, the best of IP's young masters.



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Stoupe was born in Fiji, grew up in Hong Kong and New Zealand, and works in Tokyo for a California law firm—as good a definition of a global career as any. After she graduated at the top of her law school class at the University of Auckland and practiced in New Zealand, a Fulbright scholarship brought her to Duke University School of Law and an LL.M. A lifelong interest in science brought her to IP. She became a partner at MoFo at 31, at that time the firm's youngest ever. In Tokyo she has become an expert in international dispute resolution and e-discovery issues, working extensively for Toshiba Corp. in matters involving its NAND flash technology, including its litigation with Lexar. She also counsels and litigates for Funai Electric Co. Ltd., which sued Vizio and other digital television makers in the ITC last October.

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