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RISING STAR Kerri-Ann Limbeek

Kerri-Ann Limbeek is a partner at Desmarais. She has led some of the patent litigation industry's most high-profile cases.



Practice Profile: Kerri-Ann Limbeek is a first-chair trial lawyer handling high-value complex patent cases for both plaintiffs and defendants in courts across the country. In January 2024, she won a \$57 million patent infringement verdict for the biotech company Ravgen's prenatal genetic testing patent. In 2022, she also secured

\$372.5 million in damages (a \$272.5 million verdict with a \$100 million enhancement) in a separate lawsuit involving the same patent.

Limbeek's cases involve a broad range of technologies, including pharmaceuticals,

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medical and surgical devices, consumer products, semiconductor fabrication, computer hardware, software, telecommunications, and video streaming technology. She has also assisted clients in negotiating settlement and license agreements, and counseled clients on strategic patent licensing, international arbitrations, and post-grant proceedings before the Patent Office.

Leadership, Pro Bono and Civic Work: Limbeek serves on the firm's Training Committee and has spearheaded a series of associate training programs. Limbeek and firm founder John Desmarais lead the "Associates' Committee," she is involved in the firm's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and the Recruiting Committee (where she is the Hiring Partner for New York), and she is a formal partner mentor to several associates.

Additionally, Limbeek serves on the firm's Pro Bono Committee and has secured several pro bono victories, including ending removal proceedings against an Ecuadorian immigrant.

Work Experience: Desmarais LLP – Associate (Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2021); Partner (Jan. 2022 – Present); Sullivan & Cromwell LLP – Associate (Sept. 2013 – Aug. 2015)

Education: University of Chicago, J.D., 2013; University of Pennsylvania, B.S.E., Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, 2010

What advice would you give to young lawyers? Take ownership of every aspect of a case that falls within your domain and build a knowledge base that positions you as a leader. You are never too junior to make a meaningful contribution to case strategy.