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Overview

Angela serves as lead counsel for intellectual property and commercial litigation matters, including complex trademark, copyright, trade secret, unfair competition, and restrictive covenant cases, as well as administrative proceedings involving IP rights. She also advises clients concerning protection and enforcement of IP rights globally, including strategic counseling, clearance, trademark and copyright registration, portfolio management, monitoring and policing, and pre-litigation trademark, copyright, and domain name disputes.

In addition, Angela is an IP subject matter expert for corporate transactions, including mergers, acquisitions (both buyer-side and seller-side), and joint ventures, and assists clients with preparing and negotiating licenses and other commercial agreements involving IP rights in a variety of industries, including software, technology, apparel, pharmaceutical, consumer goods, and media.

Angela has served the Cleveland community in the past as a president of the Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association and a board member of Seeds of Literacy. Angela currently serves on the Advancement Council at The University of Akron School of Law, the primary advisory body to the School of Law, and on the program committee of the Judge John M. Manos American Inn of Court. Nationally, Angela serves on the North America Roundtables Project Team of the International Trademark Association.

Angela has served as an Adjunct Law Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where she has taught Trademark Law, and as an Adjunct Instructor at The University of Akron School of Law, where she has taught Legal Writing.

Angela earned her B.S. *cum laude* from Monmouth University and her J.D. *magna cum laude* from The University of Akron School of Law. She is a ranked lawyer in *Chambers USA*. She was named the 2023 and 2021 Lawyer of the Year for Litigation - IP, Cleveland, and the 2022 Lawyer of the Year for Trademark Law, Cleveland, by The Best Lawyers in America.

Representative Matters

- Represented MyFitnessPal, a portfolio company of Francisco Partners, in its acquisition of Cal AI, the founder-led AI-powered calorie counting app.
- Represented the buyer in its acquisition of a distributor of lifting products and accessories.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- The University of Akron School of Law, 2007, J.D., *magna cum laude*
- Monmouth University, 2003, B.S., *cum laude*, Computer Science

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Memberships

- Past President and Member, The Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, The Judge John M. Manos American Inn of Court
- Member, International Trademark Association
- Member, Akron Law Advancement Council

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Copyright Law; Litigation – Intellectual Property; Trademark Law; 2024-2027
- Listed, Chambers USA Leading Lawyers, Intellectual Property, 2022-2026
- 2021 and 2023 Lawyer of the Year for Litigation - IP, Cleveland
- 2022 and 2025 Lawyer of the Year for Trademark Law, Cleveland
- Selected to Ohio Best Lawyers list for Litigation - IP (2019-2023) and for Trademark Law (2019-2023)
- WTR 1000 - The World's Leading Trademark Professionals (2023)
- Ohio Super Lawyers, Rising Star (2013-2020)

News & Insights

- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Recognized as Leading Law Firm by Chambers USA 2026 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings
  June 4, 2026 | Press Releases
- Law360 Highlights Benesch Attorneys Representing Klutch Sports Group in Trademark Dispute with Ohio Cannabis Company
  May 20, 2026 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Advises MyFitnessPal on Acquisition of Cal AI, the Viral Calorie App
  March 5, 2026 | Press Releases
- Benesch Partners Mark Avsec and Angela Gott Mentioned in Recent Reuters Article for Representation of OverDrive in Trademark Lawsuit
  December 3, 2025 | Media Mentions
- Benesch Mentioned in Law360 Article on OverDrive's Trademark Suit Against OpenAI
  December 3, 2025 | Media Mentions
- 129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 21, 2025 | Press Releases
- Benesch Recognized in Chambers USA 2025 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings
  June 4, 2025 | Press Releases
- 132 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2025 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 14, 2024 | Press Releases

- 40 Benesch Attorneys and 15 Practices Recognized by Chambers USA 2024, One Attorney Ranked Globally
  June 6, 2024 | Press Releases

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- After the Hype: Practical Applications of AI | Angela R. Gott, Megan C. Parker
  October 23, 2025 | Speaking Engagement
- Hot Topics and Best Practices at the TTAB: Q & A with Judge Michael Adlin | Angela R. Gott
  December 4, 2024 | Speaking Engagement
- Cultural Competency and Working with Foreign Counsel | Susan E. Clady, Julie R. Fenstermaker, Angela R. Gott
  April 4, 2024 | Speaking Engagement
- Trademarks and Free Speech | Angela R. Gott
  March 25, 2024 | Speaking Engagement
- Commercialization of Brands | Angela R. Gott
  October 25, 2023 | Speaking Engagement