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Toast to Trailblazers:



Regina Sam Pentti

Partner, Ropes & Gray, Boston |
Harvard Law School

Regina Sam Pentti took a somewhat non-traditional path to the practice of law. After graduating from MIT with an engineering degree, she joined Ropes & Gray as a technical advisor in the intellectual property group.

Intrigued by breaking down technological concepts and examining them through a legal lens, she applied to law school and continued at the firm, becoming a partner in the IP transactions group in 2018.

She also worked to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales, developing a trans-Atlantic legal expertise to help meet the global needs of her clients.

“What I like the most is when a really difficult transaction comes together,” she says. “Particularly in the current market, things have been challenging, so to be able to power through and get some deals closed has been a

great feeling.”

As co-chair of the firm’s Diversity Committee, Pentti strives to enhance opportunities and build a more inclusive culture for all lawyers.

“Particularly in the current market, things have been challenging, so to be able to power through and get some deals closed has been a great feeling.”

“This work is both exciting and humbling and very close to my heart,” she says. “There is a real desire to actually affect change, but change takes time and all of us are in a hurry and want to see the change yesterday.”

Pentti’s pro bono work is focused on issues that impact women, with clients including

the Women’s Sailing Foundation and an undocumented immigrant and victim of domestic violence seeking safety in the United States.

Co-chair of the Boston Bar Association’s Internet and Technology Law Committee, she worked with colleagues to launch the Boston International IP Summit, partnering with Boston College Law School. Now in its third year, the event brings together legal and business executives from around the world to discuss challenging global IP issues.

A guest lecturer on patent law at MIT Sloan School of Business, she is also a member of the Boston IP American Inn of Court and a voting member of the Intellectual Property Owners Association’s European Practice Committee.

— Correy E. Stephenson

