

Andrea M. Kimball

Employment

Sporting Kansas City- Vice President and General Counsel April 2016- present

Independent Contractor/Fractional GC- Responsible for all legal and risk management for MLS pro men's soccer team, minor league and youth teams

Responsible for intellectual property, HR support, immigration and compliance. Negotiate and draft sponsorship and contracts relating to all areas of the business and its non-profit arm. Support all business units and coaching staff, also serving as Chief Roster/Salary Cap Compliance Officer and Player Safety Officer.

Patterson Family Foundation and Excolo LLC- Chief Legal Officer January 2017- April 2026

Served as CLO, managing the legal needs of a billion-dollar charitable foundation focusing on lifting up rural communities and an affiliated children's charity.

Responsible for providing legal counsel to the family office and the various businesses of the family of Neal Patterson (office known as Excolo, LLC).

Dentons U.S. LLP, Partner—Complex Litigation and Intellectual Property, 2010 to 2016

Partner in the Litigation and IP practice groups at the world's largest law firm. Resident of the Kansas City office from 2010-2016.

Extensive experience representing companies as a lead trial lawyer in complex business disputes, IP (trademark, patent, trade secrets, copyrights), entertainment and sports law, class actions, employment, non-competition, and licensing. Multiple representations of celebrities throughout in IP and business disputes.

Obtained numerous trial and arbitration victories as lead or co-lead counsel, including a \$20+ million-dollar trade secret, trademark, copyright jury verdict in federal court plus all fees and reported as a California high verdict of 2007. This verdict changed the law of trade secrets in the concrete and stone industry.

Lead counsel obtaining dismissals of intellectual property cases (copyright) on behalf of clients Simon Cowell, Nigel Lythgoe, Simon Fuller, Fox and Sony Music in Missouri and New York Federal Courts, relating to the television programs "American Idol," "So You Think You Can Dance," "Dancing with the Stars," and "America's Got Talent."

Luce Forward, LLP, Partner— Business, IP and Commercial Litigation, in San Diego California (now known as Dentons US), 1999-2010.

Practiced commercial litigation as deputy chair of the litigation, IP litigation and product liability group. Served as nationwide chair of two major firm initiatives: The Diversity Committee and chair of Pro Bono Committee.

United States District Court for the Southern District of California

Law Clerk to the Honorable Ruben B. Brooks, 1997-1999

Memberships and Community Involvement

Current Past President and Chair of WIN for KC (Women's Intersport Network), WIN Advisory Board Member (2014-2026) and Board Member of the Kansas City Sports Commission.

Past President of the Board of LGBTQ+ Lawyers of Greater Kansas City; member of the board of directors from 2011 to present.

Moms Demand Action Against Gun Violence- former gun safety “Be Smart Program” local Leader, Trainer and Speaker, lecturing/training parents on gun safety and safe storage.

The Victory Project (2016 to present) board member for SKC’s children’s charity

San Diego Blood Bank Board of Directors and Board Vice President, 2002–2008

Played Basketball for the NWBL team the San Diego Waves, 1998-1999

Professional Recognitions

2024: 20 Lawyers to Know (KC Business Journal)

2024 and 2023: The Power List: Missouri Lawyers Media (honored as top sports and entertainment lawyer)

2022: We KC (Women Executives) one of 16 honored by Ingram’s Magazine

2021 Missouri Pro Bono Award for hours of service

2018’s First Chair Award Winner- recognizing the best in-house counsel

The Legal 500, Labor and Employment: 2015 Top Employee Benefits/ ERISA Litigator

Managing Intellectual Property's "IP Stars" for the United States

2014 Superlawyers, Missouri Rising Star Award

2012 Top Attorneys of San Diego finalist, 2005 and 2007

San Diego Business Journal's, Finalist for "Women Who Mean Business"

Three-time State Pro Bono Award winner (California)

Education

Columbia University- Sports Industry Management & Essentials Certification

- Completed studies April 2018

University of Toledo College of Law, J.D., 1997

- The Outstanding Graduate of the Class of 1997
- Order of the Coif Inductee (Top of Class)
- Toledo Law Review, Editor in Chief, 1996-1997
- Research Assistant to the Law School Dean and to the Dean for NCAA Athletic/Academic Compliance 1995-1997

Western Michigan University of Missouri— Kalamazoo, Michigan 1994

- Division I Basketball letter winner (4 years) and Softball (1 year)
- Named the University's Top Female Scholar Athlete in 1994
- Multiple Conference and Regional awards for Athletic & Academic Achievement
- Major: Pre-Law/Political Science; Minors: Business and Business Management

Admissions and Qualifications

Missouri, Michigan, Kansas and California state bars licenses.

Admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, the Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Districts of California, the Districts of Utah, the Eastern District of Kentucky, the Western District of Michigan and the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri.

Publications and Presentations

"Policing Your Trademark - How Far Is Far Enough?" Law360, January 27, 2016, co-authored with K. Hart and T. Schwartz

Protecting your Company's Confidential/Trade Secret Information and the Use of Computer Forensics" at Dentons US LLP's CLE Seminar for In-House Counsel, May 2012

"Protecting Company Information—Best Practices to Protect Your Information and Intellectual Property," Bloomberg Law Reports, June 2010

"Creating an Effective IP and Trade Secret Protection Program," San Diego Daily Transcript, April 2008

"Trade Secret Litigation in Employment Law and the Role of Computer Evidence," San Diego Bar Association, February 2008

"Trade Secrets Protection and Litigation in the Electronic Age," seminar at San Diego County Bar Association IP Section, December 2007

"Trade Secrets: Protecting Company Information Is Top Priority," San Diego Business Journal, September 2006

"Eight Secrets to Litigation Success in Federal District Court," FBA Newsletter, Summer 2006 and the Federal Lawyer Magazine (August 2001)

"Study Shows 38% of Companies Pay Staff to Monitor Employee Email—Should You?," June 2006

"Eye Spy: Recording Employee Phone Conversations May Violate the Law," Mondaq, May 2001; Los Angeles Daily Journal May 11, 2000 and San Diego Daily Transcript, April 2000

"Romer v. Evans and Colorado's Amendment 2: The GLBT Movement's Symbolic Victory," The University of Toledo Law Review, 1997