

Angela Payne James

Angela Payne James is a partner in the Intellectual Property Litigation group of Alston & Bird LLP in Atlanta, Georgia. She specializes in patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret litigation as well as general complex commercial litigation.

Ms. James has extensive experience successfully litigating matters in federal and state court at the trial and appellate court levels nationwide for clients in the telecommunications, medical technology, computer software, advertising, chemical agriculture, retail, media, and entertainment industries.

Ms. James also has extensive experience counseling clients on intellectual property compliance and enforcement matters, including web site and domain name disputes and administrative actions under ICANN's Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy.

Ms. James has authored and published articles on trademark and Internet-related issues in the *National Law Journal* and the *Southeastern Intellectual Property Journal*. In addition, she has lectured on intellectual property and e-commerce related topics for various groups and has been a featured guest on Atlanta public radio.

Atlanta Magazine twice named Ms. James as a Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star (2005, 2006).

Ms. James is the current Chair of the Atlanta Diversity Committee and has been a member of the firm's diversity committee since its inception. As Chair of the Atlanta Diversity Committee, Ms. James created a liaison program and instituted a practice group leader initiative to focus on retention and advancement of diverse attorneys. In recognition of these efforts, Ms. James was awarded the 2006 Alston & Bird LLP Diversity Leadership Award. She is a member of the Georgia State Bar Diversity Steering Committee and is a frequent speaker on topics related to diversity in the legal profession.

Ms. James is a past member of the firm's Hiring and Associates Committees, and she is a former Coordinator of the firm's summer associate program.

Ms. James has served as a member of the Board of Directors for Hands On Atlanta since 2001 and has served as a Volunteer Child Advocate for the Truancy Intervention Project since 1998. She also coordinates the firm's annual participation in the Hands On Atlanta Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Summit and helped to found the firm's service partnership with Walden Middle School.

Ms. James received her J.D., *cum laude*, in 1996 from Harvard Law School where she was the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*. In 1992, she graduated, *cum laude*, from Harvard College with a B.A. in Government. Prior to joining Alston & Bird in 1997, Ms. James completed a one-year clerkship with The Honorable Sandra L. Lynch, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in Boston, Massachusetts.