

## Jennifer Thompson

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### Education

Boston College School of Law, J.D (1996) *cum laude*

Managing Editor, Environmental Affairs Law Review

Georgetown University, B.S. in Foreign Service (1991), *cum laude*



Jennifer Thompson is Senior Counsel at Patrick Law Group, and has over 10 years of experience representing large and small clients in a wide variety of practice areas, including mobile and online content licensing, software licensing, cable television programming distribution, corporate securities, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and general commercial contracting. Having represented a wide variety of companies in various industries and having worked in both law firm and in-house settings gives Ms. Thompson an extensive set of skills and a unique ability to quickly identify key issues and counsel her clients on mission critical concerns.

Prior to joining Patrick Law Group, Ms. Thompson worked at two large cable television programming companies, one of which also operated a Top 10 website. While there, she negotiated and drafted a variety of commercial arrangements, including cable platform distribution transactions, software licensing arrangements, online content distribution transactions and nondisclosure agreements. She also advised the company on the development and implementation of on demand, interactive television and mobile platform content offerings and distribution strategies. In addition, Ms. Thompson developed and implemented advertising standards and policies for networks and websites, and managed upgrades and roll-outs of technology that permitted for localization of information at the individual cable provider offices.

Ms. Thompson began her career working as an associate with Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault, LLC in Boston, Massachusetts, and then with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough in Atlanta, Georgia. As a corporate transactional associate, Ms. Thompson gained significant experience in SEC offering, reporting and compliance ('33 and '34 Act), private and public offerings of securities and mergers and acquisitions.

She graduated with honors from both the prestigious Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University where she studied International Politics, and the Boston College School of Law where she served as Managing Editor of the school's acclaimed Environmental Affairs Law Review and published a law review article on EPA Rulemaking.

She also spent her junior year of college studying abroad at Universidad Autonoma de Madrid.

Ms. Thompson resides in Roswell, GA with her family and is an active volunteer at her children's schools. She has served for 5 years on the board of the Parent Teacher Organization of the local elementary school and for a year on the board of the School Governance Council of the local middle school. She reorganized the parent volunteer group into an independent non-profit, and obtained the organization's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the IRS. She also created and implemented various educational enrichment programs and led the committee to create and launch the key fundraiser for the elementary school which provides the bulk of the parent organization's operating budget.

She is a member in good standing of the state bars of Georgia and Massachusetts. Ms. Thompson is a member of the Southeast chapter of Women in Cable and Telecommunications (WICT) and the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, and previously served on the board of directors of the Juvenile Justice Fund, WICT and in various grant-making positions at the Atlanta Women's Foundation.

### **Presentations and Articles**

- Author, "IoT Device Companies: COPPA Lessons Learned from VTech's FTC Settlement", JD Supra, January 19, 2018
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