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### EDUCATION

J.D., cum laude  
Northern Illinois University College of Law, 1984  
Graduate Studies, Molecular Biology/Biotechnology  
Illinois Institute of Technology, 1992  
B.S., Political Science  
Illinois State University, 1981

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States  
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
U.S. Dist. Court, N.D. Illinois, Trial Bar  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fed. Cir.  
U.S. Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Cir.

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Clients and jurists recognize Janet Pioli's ability to ethically and successfully represent clients in what they seek to accomplish. One jurist from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois remarked "she is as conscientious a person in working for her clients as any lawyer I know." Janet's practice encompasses strategic counseling for large patent portfolios, patent clearance and due diligence, patent prosecution supervision, inter partes reviews, litigation including before the International Trade Commission, and advertising review and clearance. She has a large and successful appellate practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and has made multiple oral arguments before each.

Her practice includes diverse technologies including medical devices, diagnostic devices and systems, navigation systems, heavy truck transmissions, health supplements, loudspeaker systems, personal care products, beverage containers, industrial pumps, ice maker systems, treatment of lyme and other diseases, pool chemicals, copier system chemicals, food and beverage products. She is active in the community and serves on the Board of Visitors of the Northern Illinois School of Law and on the Board of Aspire of Illinois, a charitable organization directed to education and training of children and adults with developmental disabilities. She served as an officer for area organizations including the Richard Linn American Inn of Court and is a past president of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago. Janet also served on the Brinks' board of directors and is currently Chairperson of the Client Services Committee.

### EXPERIENCE | LEGAL

- **Brinks, Gilson & Lione**, Chicago, Illinois  
Shareholder, January 2012-Present  
Counsel, January 2005-2011  
Associate, August 1998-2004
- **Law Offices of Evan B. Karnes II and Associates**, Chicago, Illinois  
Partner, 1993-1998
- **Helene Curtis, Inc.**, Chicago, Illinois  
Corporate Counsel, 1989-1993
- **Cook, Wetzel & Egan**, Chicago, Illinois  
Associate, May 1987-January 1989

- **Laff, Whitesel, Conte and Saret**, Chicago Illinois  
Associate, August 1984-April 1987

### **PRACTICE GROUPS**

International Trade Commission (ITC)  
Post-Grant Patent  
Licensing  
Litigation  
Trademarks & Unfair Competition  
Appellate

### **AREA OF FOCUS**

Medical Device

### **FORWARD THINKING**

#### **Presentations**

- *FTC v. Actavis*: A Year in Review, Mumbai, India, February, 2014
- Second Annual Naples Midwinter Patent Law Experts Conference, Faculty, January 2014
- "Fundamentals of Patent Prosecution 2014: A Boot Camp for Claim Drafting & Amendment Writing," Public Interest Law Initiative program, Chicago, May 12-14, 2014
- "Fundamentals of Patent Prosecution 2013: A Boot Camp for Claim Drafting & Amendment Writing," Public Interest Law Initiative program, Chicago, May 14-16, 2013
- "Is Inequitable Conduct Dead? Updating Medical Device Prosecution and Litigation Strategies Post-Therasense," ACI Medical Device Patents Conference, Chicago, March 5-6, 2013
- "Proceeding before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board," moderator, The John Marshall Law School's 57th Annual Intellectual Property Law, Chicago, February 22, 2013
- "Patent Overview: Part 1," Patent Basics for the Non-Specialist 2008, Practising Law Institute, Chicago, Illinois, June 13, 2008
- "The Future of Patent Law - U.S. Supreme Court Update," Law Bulletin Seminars: Corporate IP, Chicago, Illinois, February 19, 2008
- "Litigating the Multinational Patent Dispute," moderator, Brinks Gilson & Lione Client Seminar, Chicago, Illinois, November 1, 2007
- "Preparing Priority Applications that Succeed When Filed in the U.S. Patent Office and Enforced in the U.S. Courts," Brinks Gilson & Lione Client Seminar, Munich, Germany, June 14, 2005
- "*Knorr-Bremse v. Dana Corporation*: How This Landmark Decision May Affect Your Company," Brinks Gilson & Lione Client Seminar, Chicago, Illinois, October 12, 2004 and November 3, 2004

### **HONORS**

- *Who's Who Legal - Trademarks*, 2018
- Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers, *Crain's Custom Media*, 2018
- Illinois Super Lawyers, Intellectual Property Law, 2009-2011, 2013-2017
- Leading Lawyers, 2012-2014, Top 100 Leading Women Lawyers in Illinois, Top 100 Leading Women Business Lawyers in Illinois
- Leading Lawyers Network, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, Patent Law, Intellectual Property Law, Advertising & Media Law, Copyright & Trademark Law

**AFFILIATIONS**

- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago  
Board Member, 2014  
Past President, 2013-2014  
President, 2012-2013  
President-Elect, 2011-2012  
Committee Chair, 2007-2013
- Licensing Executives Society (USA & Canada)  
International Delegate 2011-present
- Licensing Executives Society International, Life Sciences Committee Vice Chair
- Richard Linn American Inn of Court  
Secretary, 2009-2010  
Board Member, 2008-2009
- Federal Circuit Bar Association
- Federal Circuit Historical Society  
Secretary, Dinner Chair
- Board of Visitors, Northern Illinois University College of Law  
Chairperson-Career and Professional Development Committee
- Aspire of Illinois  
Board of Directors, 2014