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Alex practices intellectual property law with an emphasis on patent and trade secret litigation and licensing at Carlson Caspers. She draws on her engineering background to represent clients in the pharmaceutical, medical device, consumer product, and agricultural industries.

Alex has extensive experience defending generic pharmaceutical companies in Hatch-Waxman ANDA litigation. She also has substantial experience in the trade secret arena, both enforcing client trade secrets and defending clients against accusations of trade secret misappropriation. In addition to her litigation practice, Alex also drafts and negotiates IP-related agreements, including patent licensing and research collaboration agreements.

As part of the legal team for the world's leading developer and supplier of advanced plant genetics, Alex assisted a Carlson Caspers client in securing a non-exclusive license for a patent portfolio, governance framework, and standard licensing terms relating to CRISPR-Cas9 (Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats) genome editing technology.

Minnesota Lawyer named Alex as a 2018 Up & Coming Attorney. Minnesota Super Lawyers has recognized Alex as a "Rising Star" every year between 2004 and 2023 and as a "Super Lawyer" in 2024.

Alex is active in the local legal community and is a member of the Minnesota Federal Bar Association. She has also provided pro bono representation to a variety of clients; most recently, she has worked in connection with the Great North Innocence Project to represent clients who have been wrongfully convicted of serious crimes. Alex was part of a team that prevailed in obtaining a vacated conviction for a client after a two-week evidentiary hearing on post-conviction review.

Alex is co-chair of hiring at Carlson Caspers and works to recruit law students and prospective law students to the firm.

During law school, Alex clerked as a judicial extern for the Honorable Randy J. Holland of the Delaware Supreme Court and performed research in the areas of patent and trademark law for Professor Mark Janis. Prior to law school, Alex earned her degree in chemical engineering with a focus on biochemical engineering. As an undergraduate, she conducted research in the area of nanotechnology, with a focus on photopolymerization kinetics.

EDUCATION	University of Iowa College of Law, JD, with highest distinction Order of the Coif Articles Editor, Journal of Corporation Law
	University of Iowa College of Engineering, BS, Chemical Engineering, with honors, with highest distinction
BAR ADMISSIONS	Minnesota Supreme Court US District Court for the District of Minnesota
	US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
	United States Supreme Court
	US Patent and Trademark Office
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	Alex is also active in the legal community and is a member of the Minnesota Federal Bar Association and Minnesota Women Lawyers. In addition to her work with the Great North Innocence Project, she has also provided pro bono representation through the Volunteer Lawyers Network and the Pro Se Project, a collaboration between the Minnesota District Court and the Minnesota Chapter of the Federal Bar Association
	Alex currently serves on the Fund for Legal Aid Board for Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid. She is a member of the firm's diversity committee and supports several local affinity bar associations.

 REPRESENTATIVE CASES
 Rotary Systems v. TomoTherapy Inc.

 Purdue v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (oxycodone)

Hoffmann-La Roche v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (capecitabine)
Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc. v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., et al.(bortezomib)
Multiple Global Licensing Agreements for DuPont Pioneer and CRISPR-Cas9 Technology Section
Takeda v. Watson (colchicine)
Polymer Group, Inc. v. Magla Products LLC
UCB v. Alembic (Lacosamide)
POET v. Nelson Engineering (D.S.D.)

RECOGNITION Listed in Best Lawyers®, 2025, Litigation - Intellectual Property

Minnesota Lawyer Diversity & Inclusion Honoree (2022)

- Alex was listed in Patexia's ANDA Litigation Intelligence Report, 2022 Edition, recognizing Carlson Caspers as among the Top 10 ANDA Best Performing Firms and the Top 25 Most Active Firms for Hatch-Waxman Litigation.
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- Alex was featured in the Attorney at Law Magazine "2018 Women in Law" Minnesota Edition, which celebrates women attorneys who exemplify excellence in the Minnesota legal profession.