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Mari-Elise Paul is a member of the Intellectual Property & Technology Group. Her practice concentrates on litigation involving intellectual property infringement and trade secret misappropriation, prosecuting trademark and copyright registration applications, litigating trademark opposition and cancellation proceedings as well as negotiating and drafting licenses and other contracts that involve intellectual property or technology rights. She also interacts with U.S. Customs & Border Protection to enforce trademarks through seizure orders.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Copyrights
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Licensing
- Litigation & Appeals
- Telecommunications, Technology & Internet Law
- Trademarks

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Virginia

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Supreme Court Throws Copyright Owners Curveballs *with Alexandra MacKay* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, March 6, 2019
- One Important Thing To Do Before You Ring In The New Year! *with Joel T. Beres* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, December 28, 2017
- Trademark Takedown Trends: Adoption of a DMCA-style Notice and Takedown Procedure for Trademark Infringement Allegations
Louisville Bar Briefs, December 2017
- The Supreme Court Slants Toward Tam: Disparagement Clause Ruled Unconstitutional *with Joel T. Beres* Stites & Harbison Legal Update, June 20, 2017
- Give me a © for Copyrightable! The Supreme Court Holds That Cheerleading Uniforms can be Copyrightable Stites & Harbison Legal Update, March 31, 2017
- It's Like That: RUN-D.M.C. Sues Amazon and Wal-Mart for Trademark Infringement
Trademarkology blog, December 20, 2016

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- S.W.I.F.T. (Stites Women Investing in our Futures Together) Committee, Member

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Louisville Bar Association
- Virginia State Bar
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- International Trademark Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Louisville Ballet, Board of Directors
- Americans for the Arts, Member
- Dance Exchange, Board of Directors

EDUCATION

University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law J.D. *cum laude* 2010

- *University of Louisville Law Review*, Member, Symposium Editor
- *The Brand*, President and Editor-In-Chief
- 2010 Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Patent Moot Court Competition; INTA Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition
- Research Assistant to Dean Jim Chen and Professor John Cross

University of Maryland B.A., Dance and English *magna cum laude* 2007

- Honors Citation; Philip Merrill President Scholar
- Creative and Performing Arts Scholar
- College of Arts and Humanities Deans Scholar
- Academic Deans List

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Mari-Elise currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Louisville Ballet and previously served on the Board of Directors for Washington, D.C.'s Dance Exchange. She is also a member of Americans for the Arts, volunteers for the Washington Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts and is actively involved with Gilda's Club. Mari-Elise has recently become involved with advocating for congenital heart defect research.

Prior to law school, Mari-Elise attended the University of Maryland and studied dance and English, with an emphasis in rhetoric. As a law student, Mari-Elise volunteered at the Tennessee Volunteer Lawyers & Professionals for the Arts and performed with Louisville's modern dance company Moving Collective.

BESIDES STITES & HARBISON

Outside the office, Mari-Elise can usually be found spending time with her husband Bruce, their daughter Stella, her step-twins Alex and Emily, and the family puppy Moxie. Mari-Elise enjoys practicing and teaching hot yoga, running, traveling, and experimenting in the kitchen with Bruce.

ACCOLADES

- *Virginia Super Lawyers*, Rising Star (2015)
- *Washington DC Super Lawyers*, Rising Star (2015)