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## TOP WOMEN LAWYERS

The Daily Journal's Annual List of  
Leading Women Lawyers in California

Rachel  
Krevans

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San Francisco

Practice Type:  
Litigation

Specialty:  
Intellectual property



In January 2014, Krevans secured a win for Sling Media Inc., a subsidiary of longtime client EchoStar Communications, when the Federal Circuit affirmed a district court's summary judgment ruling.

Nazomi Communications had accused Sling Media's Slingbox, a device that allows users to view TV programming from a laptop or smartphone, of infringing Nazomi's Java hardware acceleration patents. *Nazomi Communications v. Nokia Corp., et al*, 5:10-cv-04686 (N.D.

Cal., filed Feb. 8, 2010).

In a combined order on claim construction and summary judgment, Judge Ronald Whyte of the Northern District agreed with Krevans' argument that Nazomi's patent claims required that the allegedly infringed device not only contain

Java hardware acceleration capabilities but also be configured to take advantage of these capabilities.

"We felt right away that they had made a mistake accusing my client's devices," Krevans said. "We had a clear basis of noninfringement."

When the plaintiff refused to back down, Krevans successfully argued in court for summary judgment at the beginning of the case.

"Judges don't usually do that," she said. "It's extremely rare."

But, Krevans added, "If you pick issues carefully, it can work."

She now is back at trial for yet another round of the ongoing smartphone patent infringement battle between her client, Apple Inc., and Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.

It's the fourth Apple/Samsung trial Krevans has done since June 2012.

Last year, she secured \$290 million for her client, bringing the total that Samsung owes Apple for iPad and iPhone infringement to nearly \$930 million, she said.

— Pat Broderick