

## Top Washington Lawyers

### Intellectual Property Winner



#### **Sherri Blount**

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Sherri Blount has worked with some well-known clients in her 26-year law career. There's Discovery Communications, Sprint Nextel and Black Entertainment Television.

However one of the most memorable clients was the late Johnnie Cochran, one of the most famous trial attorneys in the country. Blount had brought suit in 2003 on behalf of Cochran against a man who had registered two domain names that used Cochran's full name. The ruling forced the domain names to be transferred to Cochran.

"This is particularly memorable to me in light of his recent passing," she says.

Blount has carved out her niche in intellectual property law. She helps clients with branding strategies, as well as implementing and enforcing intellectual property licensing agreements. For example she represented American University in a trademark enforcement case against Internet diploma companies using the school's name on diplomas.

She was drawn to intellectual property law through her interest in media because intellectual property rights play a major role in the telecommunications industry. So she decided to focus on intellectual property law.

Her best advice to recent law school graduates is simple: "Specialize, specialize, specialize."

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**Law school:** Howard University, J.D., 1980

**Favorite lawyer movie:** "Erin Brockovich"

**If you didn't go to law school you would be** a broadcast journalist or a CEO.

**Last book read:** "The Camel Club" by David Baldacci