

# Women Leaders in Tech Law:

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**J**ennifer Barry, partner and global chair of the intellectual property litigation practice at Latham & Watkins in San Diego, is being recognized as one of 30 Women Leaders in Tech Law as part of The Recorder's California Legal Awards.

Barry recently shared with The Recorder her accomplishments over the last year and advice for women starting out in tech.

**What's your proudest professional achievement of the past year and why?**

This year I was appointed by Latham's Executive Committee to serve as the firm's

global intellectual property litigation practice chair after serving for several years as vice chair of the practice. It's an honor to lead our team of more than 100 IP litigators who bring trial-tested experience to matters ranging from cutting-edge pharmaceutical and technology patent disputes to the copyright, trademark and trade secrets cases that reshape industries.

**What's one piece of advice you'd give to a woman starting out in tech law?**

Learn as much as you can from more experienced lawyers about how they practice. Raise your hand and advocate for yourself. Dive into the matters you find the most interesting and your practice will adapt to those interests. Technology law is challenging but with good mentors, solid training, and hard work, you can develop a robust and meaningful career tailored to your interests.

**What is a group or tool that has helped you grow in your career or contributes to the development of pipelines for women leaders in tech law?**

I'm grateful to have been mentored by incredible women lawyers, and it's important for women currently in leadership positions to pay it forward and mentor the next generation of women lawyers. Latham also has robust diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, career guidance, and mentoring programs, including our Women Enriching Business initiative, which is focused on addressing the business challenges and opportunities unique to women lawyers and current and prospective women clients.

**What aspects of your work do you find meaningful?**

Helping clients solve their trickiest legal issues, especially when working on innovative technologies that have the potential to change how we live, is something I find meaningful and satisfying.