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**R. Elizabeth Brenner-Leifer**  
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Liz Brenner-Leifer joined the firm in 2004. Her practice focuses on litigation and counseling relating to intellectual property, including patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, unfair competition, and antitrust areas. She is experienced in litigation matters before U.S. District Courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. Supreme Court, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Her patent prosecution experience includes prosecuting U.S. and foreign patent applications in the chemical and biotechnology arts.

Ms. Brenner-Leifer was previously a judicial clerk to the Honorable Judge Alan D. Lourie of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (1998-2000) and an associate for Foley & Lardner (2000-2004). Ms. Brenner-Leifer graduated from Smith College in 1989 with a major in chemistry, and received her JD, *cum laude*, from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1998. After college and prior to attending law school, Ms. Brenner-Leifer was a biochemist at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and at the Harvard Medical School Department of Neurobiology.

Ms. Brenner-Leifer is admitted to the bar of the District of Columbia and admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. She is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Ms. Brenner-Leifer also is active in the Federal Circuit Bar Association's Veterans' Appeals committee, which screens appeals filed pro se from the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and, for appropriate cases, coordinates the location of pro bono counsel from among FCBA interested attorneys.

**Areas of Concentration:**

- Litigation
  - Appellate
  - Federal District Court
  - Hatch-Waxman
- International Trade Commission
- Patent Interferences
- Unfair Competition

**Education:**

- A.B. from Smith College - 1989
- J.D. from University of Illinois College of Law - 1998 (*cum laude*)

**Bar Admissions:**

- District of Columbia Bar
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

**Court Admissions:**

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia