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Volunteer Spotlight: Regina Quek

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Regina Quek's first INTA meeting wasn't an INTA meeting at all; it was the final U.S. Trademark Association Annual Meeting, in 1993, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Regina has been heavily involved in and committed to INTA ever since. She is currently serving her second term on the Famous and Well-Known Marks Committee, and also served on the Project Team for the Association's 132nd Annual Meeting in 2010, where she moderated the session "Trademark Use in the EU, Japan, Mexico and the U.S." That, Regina admits, was her most enjoyable volunteer project with INTA.

Regina graduated from the National University of Singapore with an LL.B. (Hons.) and was called to the Singapore bar a year later. She established and headed the IP departments in two general practice law firms in Singapore for more than 13 years before establishing One Legal LLC, where she is currently a director.

Regina's volunteerism in the area of IP is not limited to her work with INTA. She was instrumental in establishing the Singapore International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) and served as its founding president for three terms (1998–2008). She chaired the committee that successfully bid for and organized the AIPPI Forum & Executive Committee Meeting in Singapore in 2007. Regina continues her involvement with the organization today as a member of its managing committee. Regina believes that an important issue in IP law, and an area that INTA may wish to address in the future, is the interface between copyrights and trademarks. She notes that "not all countries provide for copyright protection for device marks, and perhaps research regarding the countries that allow versus those that do not allow copyright protection for certain types of trademarks would assist trademark owners when planning their enforcement strategy."



When not working for her clients or volunteering in the IP field, Regina has a full schedule at home, with her husband and three children. She and her husband are active in the Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) movement in Singapore; WWME is a nonprofit organization aimed at helping married couples improve and enhance their marriages. They also enjoy ballroom dancing.

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