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## Ada Locke

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Ms. Locke's practice focuses on intellectual property litigation and counseling. As a previous summer associate at Desmarais LLP, Ms. Locke assisted the Desmarais LLP trial team that won a complete non-infringement defense verdict for Cisco Systems, Inc.

During law school, Ms. Locke worked as a staff editor for the Georgetown Law Technology Review and gained litigation experience as a student attorney in Georgetown Law's Health Justice Alliance Clinic. She taught legal writing as a Georgetown Law Legal Writing Fellow. She is passionate about the evolving relationship between biotechnology, bioethics, and the law.

Prior to law school, Ms. Locke earned a bachelor's degree with honors in molecular and cell biology, with an emphasis in neurobiology. Ms. Locke followed her curiosity about the impact of chronic stress and mental illness on cognitive function. Her undergraduate research career and honors thesis focused on mechanisms of epileptogenisis as they relate to the advancement of neurodegenerative diseases, with the aim of exploring novel therapies for dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Ms. Locke also wrote articles focused on science and technology as a part of UC Berkeley's Science Communication internship.

## **Prior Experience**

• Summer Associate, Desmarais LLP, San Francisco, CA, 2022

## **Clerk & Government Experience**

• Summer Legal Intern, Office of General Counsel, D.C. Department of Health, 2021



#### EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 2023; Georgetown Law Fellow

University of California, Berkeley, B.A., Molecular Cell Biology, 2019; MCB Department Honors; Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships – Rose Hills Research Fellowship; University of California Education Abroad Program Promise Scholarship; CalTeach Summer Fellowship

#### ADMISSIONS

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