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Hugh Hansen is a Professor of Law at the Fordham University School of Law. He teaches courses in intellectual property law focusing on copyright and trademark law. He has also taught constitutional law, federal courts, & antitrust law.

Professor Hansen clerked for federal judges in the Second Circuit and the Southern District of New York. He was in practice as an AUSA in the Southern District, and a litigation associate with Dewey, Ballentine. He was the principal drafter of AT&T's response to the DOJ Antitrust Division in 1974 when it asked why it should not sue to break it up.

Currently, he also consults on IP matters in the U.S. and Europe. He was the lead counsel in a multi-district litigation and an expert witness in a Lloyds of London arbitration. He represented or advised clients in cases in the U.S., UK, Germany and Poland and before DG Comp of the EU.

Both his teaching and consulting focuses on strategic thinking from a legal realist understanding of how courts, Congress, and the private sector interact with the law and each other. In the same vein, he founded and directs the Fordham IP Institute and Fordham Conference on Intellectual Property Law and Policy now in its 28th year. The Director General of the WIPO called the IP conference "the Davos of the IP world."

Prof. Hansen has written a book on IP and edited many others. He frequently speaks in the U.S., Europe, and Asia. The State Department sponsored a speaking tour for Prof. Hansen in Japan and Melbourne University did the same in Australia.

Managing Intellectual Property Magazine named Prof. Hansen one of the 50 most influential people in IP in the world multiple times, the last being in November 2018. It also presented Prof. Hansen with a Lifetime Achievement Award in April 2018. The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, per then Chief Judge Michel, gave him an award for “his contribution to the legal community’s understanding of international intellectual property law.”

Since August 2018, he has hosted the podcast *Non Obvious with Hugh Hansen*, where he speaks with various key players in IP and the legal world in general.