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Practice Area: Copyright, trademark, constitutional law **Year in Review:** Burrow was on the winning end of a December decision by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, affirming summary judgment in favor of her client, Warner Bros. Television, which was sued by the owners of the Ironman Triathlon trademark. Ironman alleged that a special series of "Elimidate" episodes called the "Elimidate Ironman Challenge" infringed on its trademark, but both the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida and the 11th Circuit agreed the word "ironman," which is found in the dictionary, can be used colloquially to refer to a person who achieves feats of unusual endurance. In December, she also squelched an attempt by an individual to bring a consumer class action against Best Buy stores, challenging a promotional giveaway of DVDs for an unaired pilot of an "Aquaman" TV series, convincing the L.A. County Superior Court that the case did not qualify for class treatment and should be transferred to limited jurisdiction court.

Next Challenge: series of copyright infringement matters are on the horizon for big-name clients Warner Bros. and Universal Music Group.

Most People Don't Know: Armed with a degree in chemical engineering from Oregon State University, Burrow worked for nine years in the oil industry for Arco before going into law.