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Of Counsel

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Rachel's dual experience as a molecular and cellular biologist and Intellectual Property attorney bring unique value to her clients in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries.

PRACTICES

Trademarks and Foreign Portfolio Management
Intellectual Property
Patent Prosecution, Counseling and Opinions

EDUCATION

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 2005

The Johns Hopkins University, M.S., Biotechnology, 2000

University of Maryland, B.S., Biological Sciences, 1996

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado
District of Columbia
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

With ten years of experience working on molecular and cellular biology as well as genomic experiments at leading research institutions, Rachel effortlessly and efficiently communicates with clients' in-house scientists to help convert their inventions into patentable products.

She delivers sophisticated counsel to clients in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical device, and digital health industries, helping clients develop protective strategies, including creating, prosecuting, managing, and enforcing patents. Drawing on her extensive technical expertise, Rachel analyzes existing patents and provides sound advice to clients considering options to pursue or defend patent infringement litigation.

She has litigated in state and federal courts and mediated cases involving products liability, biotechnology, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and life sciences. She also served as local counsel for high profile national products liability cases in multi-district litigation.

Rachel also advises clients in a wide range of industries on how to obtain and enforce U.S. and foreign trademarks and manage trademark portfolios.

Before joining Holland & Hart, Rachel practiced at intellectual property boutique and litigation firms.

EXPERIENCE

Patent Prosecution and Portfolio Management

- Strategic patent portfolio development and management
- Domestic and international patent preparation and prosecution

Patent Opinions and Counseling

- Patent infringement and validity analysis
- Non-infringement/invalidity opinions
- Product design counseling

Patent Licensing and Due Diligence

- Licensing negotiations and strategies

- Strategic patent acquisitions
- Product clearances
- IP due diligence

Trademark Prosecution and Portfolio Management

- Strategic trademark portfolio management
- Trademark enforcement strategies
- Due diligence and acquisition counseling
- Strategic trademark portfolio management
- Trademark licensing and transactions

Technologies

Biotech/Pharmaceutical/Chemical

Cellular and molecular biology, genetics, pharmaceuticals, polymers

Complex Mechanical and Medical Devices

Oral saline laxatives, nasal sprays, pain pumps, continuous passive motion devices, lumbar spine device, drug delivery devices, implantable devices, low flush toilet system

PUBLICATIONS

"Pretext Investigations: An Ethical Dilemma for IP Attorneys," *Colorado Lawyer*, June 2014

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"USPTO Practitioners Panel," *Colorado BioScience Association USPTO Roundtable*, Denver, Colorado, November 14, 2018

RECOGNITION

- American Intellectual Property Law Association, 'Woman to Watch' award, 2018
- United States Patent and Trademark Office, ProBoPat Certificate of Recognition, 2018, 2019
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Intellectual Property, 2016, 2018-2019
- Colorado Super Lawyers® Rising Star, Intellectual Property, 2012-2015

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- American Intellectual Property Law Association, Vice Chair of Special Committee on Pro Bono, Member of Biotechnology and Women in IP Committees
- Colorado BioScience Association, Membership Committee Co-Chair and member
- Colorado Bar Association, Intellectual Property section and member
- Colorado Women's Bar Association, Professional Advancement

Committee and member

- USPTO Patent Pro Bono Patent Initiative, 2015-present
- Second Wind Fund, Board of Directors, 2017-present
- Girls in STEM- Denver, Board of Directors, 2018-present
- The Richard S. Linn, American Inn of Court, member