






# Anita L. Meiklejohn, Ph.D.

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## Overview

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### About Anita

Anita Meiklejohn, Ph.D., is a principal in the Boston office of Fish & Richardson P.C. Dr. Meiklejohn's practice emphasizes patent prosecution, validity and infringement opinions, and litigation in the area of biotechnology. She previously worked as an associate and technology specialist with Fish. She also has technical experience as a post-doctoral fellow at Harvard University in the department of biochemistry and molecular biology.

### Focus Areas

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### Services

- Patent
- Opinions and Strategic Counseling
- Patent Prosecution

### Industries

- Chemicals
- Life Sciences

## Education

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J.D. *cum laude*, Boston College Law School (1995)

Ph.D., Biochemistry, University of California, Los Angeles (1987)

B.A. *with honors*, Chemistry, Cornell University (1981)

## Experience

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Prosecution of patent applications in all areas of molecular biology and biochemistry including genomics, proteomics, polymorphism identification and analysis, recombinant nucleic acid and protein products, immunology including engineered monoclonal antibodies, transgenic animals, virology and vaccines. Special areas of expertise include inventions involving cell surface receptors, transcription factors, immunoassays, cytokines, nucleic acid probes, AIDS therapies, molecular design and modeling of drugs, rational drug design, and the use of combinatorial techniques in drug screening.

Participated in patent infringement litigation on behalf of Genentech before the U.S. International Trade Commission (human growth hormone).

## Insights

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### Publications

- “Effective Protection and Enforcement of Scientific Discoveries Concerning Imported Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Inventions,” *Cell* and *The Journal of Molecular Biology*

### Speaking Engagements

- “Patent Portfolio Management: Navigation Strategies in Due Diligence for Startups,” *Fish Webinar* (July 13, 2022)
- “Preparing for and Protecting your Assets when Entering the U.S.,” *LSX World Congress* (May 10, 2022)
- “Life Sciences 2021 Year in Review,” *Fish Webinar* (February 16, 2022)

### Media Mentions

- Interviewed, “Women Worth Watching: Lawyer Combines Science and the Law” *Profiles in Diversity Journal*

(2017)

## Recognition

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- Named a “Leading Patent Professional” by *IAM Patent 1000* (2019-2022)
- Named to “Women Worth Watching in STEM” by *Profiles in Diversity Journal* (2017)
- Named “Top Woman of Law” Honoree by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*

## Memberships & Affiliations

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Women in Bio, Boston Chapter