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Overview

About Christine

Christine Goddard, Ph.D., focuses her practice on life sciences patent procurement, strategic portfolio management, and general patent counseling, particularly in the area of pharmaceuticals. She is sought out for her expertise and experience by both small and large pharmaceutical companies to develop strong patent positions with respect to existing and future drug products. Dr. Goddard regularly advises clients with respect to identification of patentable inventions, patentability searches, patent preparation, patent prosecution strategies, global filing strategies, state of the art and patent landscape searches, freedom to operate opinions, due diligence, licensing, contracts, and assignment of patent rights.

Dr. Goddard's prior experience includes work in-house at Bristol-Myers Squibb as well as at two law firms in the Philadelphia area. In the pharmaceutical and biotechnology realm, she has particular experience in medicinal chemistry including synthesis and characterization of molecules, pharmaceutical formulations, isomers, isotopes, metabolites, salt forms, and crystalline forms (e.g, polymorphs). She has also advised in the areas of diagnostic and therapeutic proteins, DNA libraries, directed evolution techniques, chemical indicators, genes, proteins, antibodies, optical fibers, optical devices including OLEDs, solid catalysts, petroleum processing, ink formulations, and more.

Prior to her law career, Dr. Goddard gained extensive experience in the synthesis and characterization of organic compounds and transition metal complexes while working on projects related to the structural mimicry of metalloenzyme active sites at Harvard University. In particular, she regularly characterized compounds using X-ray crystallography, electrochemistry, NMR, IR, and mass spectrometry and gained experience in air-sensitive synthetic techniques. Her experience also

includes analytical work at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute as a summer fellow where she helped develop methods for measuring nitrates in seawater. She has also worked in the area of biochemistry related to the isolation, purification, and structural characterization of membrane-bound photosynthetic proteins.

Focus Areas

Services

- IP Licensing, Transactions, and Agreements
- Patent
- Opinions and Strategic Counseling
- Patent Portfolio Management
- Patent Prosecution

Industries

- Chemicals
- Life Sciences

Education

J.D. *cum laude*, Suffolk University Law School (2010)

Ph.D., Bio-inorganic Chemistry, Harvard University (1999)

S.B., Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1993)

Insights

Publications

- Chapter “Polymorphs” in course materials for Patent Resources Group course entitled Pharma & Biotech Strategies for Patent Prosecution, Hatch-Waxman, Litigation and Licensing.
- “Case Study: Falana v. Kent State,” *Law360* (May 2012)

- “1st-To-File System Isn’t New To Drug Companies,” *Law360* (March 2013)
- “Bulletproofing Pharma Patents,” *Life Sciences IP Review Newsletter* (December 2014)

Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, “The Nexus of IP and R&D: Applying Insights to Accelerate Innovation,” *IPWatchdog Webinar* (June 23, 2021)

Recognition

- Named a “Top Woman of Law,” *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* (2021)
- Named to *IAM Strategy 300: The World’s Leading IP Strategists* (2021)
- Named a “Leading Patent Professional” by *IAM Patent 1000* (2021)
- Named one of the “Women Worth Watching” by *Profiles in Diversity Journal* (2018)
- Named Massachusetts Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* (2016-2020)

Memberships & Affiliations

Member, American Chemical Society

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Women in Bio, Boston Chapter

Member, Boston Patent Law Association