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Overview

Gwilym Attwell helps biotech, medical device, and pharmaceutical companies strategically develop and monetize patent portfolios, implement patent process, and assess third-party intellectual property collaborations. His practice focuses on U.S. and foreign patent prosecution, opinion work, due diligence studies, and client counseling. Gwilym plays an active role managing Fish & Richardson's highly regarded patent prosecution and counseling practice in Delaware.*

Gwilym has counseled clients ranging from startups and emerging companies to Fortune 500 corporations on biotech, chemical, pharmaceutical, and medical device patent applications. His technical experience includes vaccines, antibodies, genomics, polypeptides, small molecule inhibitors, gene therapy, diagnostics, and therapeutics. Gwilym has been recognized by *Intellectual Asset Management* as one of "The World's Leading Patent Practitioners" since 2012 and is described as "a life sciences whiz who is a 'go to' adviser on IP development and monetisation for prestigious innovators." *IAM* also describes Gwilym as "high skilled, yet very approachable – a great combination – and will answer a question or deal with a problem at a moment's notice."

Gwilym also works with clients on post-grant proceedings, including *inter partes* review and post-grant review petitions, and general post-grant patent strategy. He is a frequent lecturer on the global stage, routinely chairing or speaking at leading industry conferences on a variety of topics related to practice before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Gwilym leverages his previous experiences as a pharmacologist and research technician to quickly get up to speed and connect with his client's business objectives. Prior to his legal career, Gwilym served as a pharmacologist at Wyeth-Ayerst Research in the bone metabolism and osteoporosis research department, where he developed and implemented high-throughput screening assays to identify lead compounds and performed basic research using cell and molecular biology. He was also a research technician at the Cleveland Clinic Research Institute, where he performed research on pathogenic viruses, e.g., vesicular stomatitis virus and human parainfluenza viruses.

When he isn't practicing law, Gwilym spends much of his spare time working on his family's small farm.

**Not admitted to practice in Delaware. Practice in Delaware is directly supervised by a member of the Delaware bar or is limited to U.S. federal courts or agencies listed in admissions or otherwise authorized by law.*

Recognitions & awards

IAM Patent 1000

IAM 2012-2025

Ranked Lawyer

Chambers USA: Delaware 2013-2014, 2017, 2024

IAM Strategy 300

IAM 2023-2024

Life Sciences Star

LMG Life Sciences 2012-2013, 2015-2024

IP Star

Managing IP 2013-2024

Top Patent Prosecutor

Patent Research Review 2011

Testimonials

"Gwilym Attwell is a top-notch patent prosecutor. He's very energetic, very creative and knows the prosecution of patent office practices very well." — Client Testimonial, 2023 *Chambers and Partners USA*

"Gwilym Attwell provided us with outstanding patent prosecution services. He is very responsive and provides high-quality, substantive work." — Client Testimonial, 2022 *Chambers and Partners USA*

Professional associations

PTAB Bar Association; Vice Chair, Membership Committee (2024-2025); Chair, Membership Committee (2025-Present)

BIO Pennsylvania, Programming Committee

BIO Delaware, Programming Committee

BIO Philadelphia

Intellectual Property Association

Insights

Blog | April 18, 2025

Trump's Drug Price Executive Order: What Drugmakers Should Know

Blog | November 25, 2024

Legal Alert: New USPTO Patent Fees Go Into Effect January 19, 2025

Webinar | December 14, 2023

FTC Challenges to Orange Book Listings: Considerations for Patent Holders

Blog | December 13, 2023

Legal Alert: Biden Administration Proposes March-In Rights Framework for Pharmaceutical Patents in Effort to Lower Drug Prices

Blog | November 9, 2023

Legal Alert: FTC Challenges More Than 100 Patents as Improperly Listed in Orange Book

Webinar | August 9, 2023

Drafting Claims to Survive Hatch-Waxman Litigation

Article | October 20, 2022

Life Sciences Entrepreneur Sourcebook | Intellectual Property: What It Is and Why You Should Care

Blog | September 15, 2022

What to Know About the USPTO's Duty of Candor Guidance Regarding FDA Submissions

Webinar | July 20, 2022

Exploring Common Pitfalls of Privilege

Webinar | June 27, 2022

Medical and Digital Healthcare Inventions: The Inside Line in Europe and the U.S.

Article | February 1, 2022

Intellectual Property Do's and Don'ts for Early-Stage Life Sciences Companies

Webinar | September 14, 2021

Efficient and Effective IP Due Diligence

Webinar | May 14, 2020

Global Patent Protection Strategies and Foreign Filing Licenses

Webinar | May 9, 2018

The Two Sides of the Coin in Post-Grant Practice: Petitioner and Patent Owner Estoppel

Webinar | August 9, 2017

Post-Grant for Practitioners: Choosing Whether to Challenge a Patent at the PTAB - Has *Shaw* Watered Down Petitioner Estoppel?

Webinar | April 5, 2017

IP Perspectives - US and China Webinar Series: Cross-Border Patent Issues in the Life Sciences

Webinar | October 13, 2016

Biologics Litigation and IPRs

Blog | February 2, 2016

Decision on Institution in PGR petition (PGR2015-00019); US Patent 8,876,991

Blog | October 30, 2015

Phigenix v Genentech; Claims Found Not Unpatentable In Final Written Decision

Blog | July 29, 2015

Sanofi Challenges Two Members of "Cabilly" Family of Patents

Blog | May 19, 2015

Life Sciences IPR Final Written Decision; Touches on Written Description, 102 and 103

Webinar | March 31, 2015

Recent Developments in Bio-Pharma

Blog | January 7, 2015

1st-Ever AIA Post-Grant Review Ends In Settlement

Article | May 28, 2009

The Bright Side of Nuclear Winter: Opportunities in the New, New Economy

News

May 30, 2025

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2025 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

October 4, 2024

Fish & Richardson Ranked Highly by *Managing IP*; Attorneys Named IP Stars

September 23, 2024

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings From *LMG Life Sciences*; 14 Attorneys Named 2024 "Life Sciences Stars"

June 11, 2024

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2024 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

June 11, 2024

Fish & Richardson Attorneys Named to the 2024 *IAM Strategy 300* List

June 10, 2024

Fish & Richardson Earns "Band 1" Nationwide Rankings for Intellectual Property and ITC Practices in *Chambers USA* 2024

October 5, 2023

Fish & Richardson Ranked Highly by *Managing IP*; Attorneys Named IP Stars

October 2, 2023

Fish & Richardson Attorneys Named to *IAM's* 2023 *Strategy 300* List

September 25, 2023

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings from *LMG Life Sciences*; 14 Principals Named 2023 "Life Sciences Stars"

June 27, 2023

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2023 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

September 29, 2022

LMG Life Sciences Awards Top Rankings to Fish & Richardson; 16 Principals Named 2022 "Life Sciences Stars"

September 8, 2022

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2022 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

June 2, 2022

Fish & Richardson Named a Top ITC and Life Sciences Firm by *Managing IP*; Attorneys Named IP Stars

October 5, 2021

LMG Life Sciences Awards Top Rankings to Fish & Richardson; 13 Principals Named 2021 "Life Sciences Stars"

July 7, 2021

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2021 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

September 29, 2020

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Firm Rankings and 14 Principals Named 2020 "Life Sciences Stars" by *LMG Life Sciences*

August 12, 2020

Fish & Richardson Receives Top "Gold" Ranking from *IAM Patent 1000* for National Litigation Practice; National Rankings in the Plaintiff Firm and Prosecution...

August 4, 2020

32 Fish & Richardson Attorneys Named 2020 "IP Stars" by *Managing Intellectual Property* Magazine

October 2, 2019

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Firm Rankings from *LMG Life Sciences* in Four Practice Areas

June 20, 2019

Fish & Richardson Receives Top "Gold" Ranking from *IAM Patent 1000* for National Patent Litigation Practice

May 22, 2019

Fish & Richardson Announces 32 Attorneys Named "IP Stars" by *Managing Intellectual Property* Magazine

September 27, 2018

Fish & Richardson Announces 13 Principals Named 2018 "Life Sciences Stars" by *LMG Life Sciences*

September 27, 2018

Four Fish Post-Grant Attorneys Named 2018 Life Science Stars by *LMG Life Sciences*

June 14, 2018

Fish Receives Top "Gold" Ranking from *IAM Patent 1000* for National Patent Litigation Practice

May 21, 2018

Fish & Richardson Announces 39 Attorneys Named "IP Stars" by *Managing Intellectual Property* Magazine

October 13, 2017

11 Fish & Richardson Principals Named 2017 "Life Sciences Stars" by *LMG Life Sciences*

July 24, 2017

Fish & Richardson Receives Top "Gold" Ranking from *IAM Patent 1000* for National Patent Litigation Practice

June 23, 2017

Fish & Richardson Announces 36 Attorneys Named "IP Stars" by *Managing Intellectual Property* Magazine

November 21, 2016

Fish & Richardson Announces Six Principals Named 2016 "Life Science Stars" by *LMG Life Sciences*

June 15, 2016

Fish & Richardson Named to *IAM Patent 1000* for National Patent Litigation and Prosecution Practices

June 2, 2016

Fish & Richardson Announces 36 Attorneys Named "IP Stars" by *Managing Intellectual Property* Magazine

November 10, 2015

Fish & Richardson Announces Five Attorneys Named 2015 "Life Sciences Stars" by *LMG Life Sciences*

Events

April 29, 2025

LSX World Congress Europe 2025

December 4, 2024

Consero IP Forum for Life Sciences 2024

April 30, 2024

LSX World Congress 2024

December 4, 2023

Consero IP Life Sciences Forum 2023

September 14, 2023

LSX World Congress USA 2023

June 7, 2023

2023 Consero Global IP Management Forum

May 3, 2023

LSX World Congress 2023

April 11, 2023

LOT BRIDGE Webinar Series: Exploring Common Pitfalls of Privilege

January 5, 2023

Longwood Healthcare Leaders Pre-JPM Stanford/San Francisco Webconference

December 4, 2022

Consero IP Forum for Life Sciences 2022

June 21, 2022

LSX USA World Congress 2022 | Biotech Startup/Early-Stage CEO Forum

June 15, 2022

Consero Global IP Management Forum 2022

May 24, 2022

Momentum's 2nd Due Diligence for Life Sciences Conference

December 6, 2021

Consero IP Forum for Life Sciences 2021

October 21, 2021

Consero Global IP Management Forum 2021

August 18, 2021

Momentum: Due Diligence for Life Sciences

June 9, 2021

Pharma Intelligence Webinar | Designing the Deal

April 26, 2021

Life Science Washington: World IP Day 2021

December 8, 2019

Consero IP Forum for Life Sciences 2019

October 20, 2019

Licensing Executives Society (LES) 2019 Annual Meeting

June 2, 2019

Consero 2019 Global IP Management Forum

April 2, 2019

Pittsburgh Venture Capital Association (PVCA) 3 Rivers Venture Fair

December 2, 2018

Consero: IP Forum for Life Sciences

April 19, 2018

2018 Franklin Institute Awards Ceremony & Dinner

December 3, 2017

Consero 2017 IP Forum for Life Sciences

October 11, 2017

Pittsburgh Venture Capital Association (PVCA): 3 Rivers Venture Fair

September 14, 2017

Boston Patent Law Association (BPLA): 2nd Annual PTAB Summit

June 11, 2017

Consero 2017 Global IP Management Forum

May 4, 2017

2017 Franklin Institute Awards Ceremony & Dinner

April 25, 2017

Delaware Bio 2017 Annual Awards Gala

April 24, 2017

Consero 2017 IP Forum for Life Sciences

December 4, 2016

Consero 2016 IP Forum for Life Sciences

November 3, 2016

Life Sciences Summit 2016

June 5, 2016

Consero IP Management Forum 2016

December 6, 2015

Consero 2015 IP Forum for Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

November 2, 2015

Georgia Bio Innovation Summit

June 7, 2015

Consero 2015 Global IP Management Forum

April 16, 2014

Delaware Bio 2014 Annual Awards Gala

February 26, 2014

Foreign Filing Strategies - Considerations in Protecting Your Patents Globally

December 8, 2013

IP Forum For Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Medical Devices

October 9, 2013

Webinar: Post-Grant for Practitioners Part IX: Inter Partes Review and the Life Sciences

April 25, 2013

Franklin Institute Awards

February 13, 2013

Get Ready for the New Rules - A Two-Part Series!

February 7, 2013

Bio NJ 20th Anniversary Annual Dinner Meeting

November 12, 2012

Recent Developments in U.S. Patent Law 2012

September 17, 2012

Hubert J.P. Schoemaker Classic

May 3, 2012

MedTech Enterprise Awards

April 26, 2012

The Franklin Institute Awards

April 16, 2012

Delaware Bio Awards Gala

October 24, 2011

Biotech 2011

Additional insights

Publications

- [“Intellectual Property Do’s and Don’ts for Early-Stage Life Sciences Companies”](#) *Life Sciences Leader* (February 1, 2022)
- “Intellectually Smart Devices: Navigating Patent Risks in the Age of Intelligent Inhalers,” *Respiratory Drug Delivery Europe 2019* (May 2019)
- “The Myriad Appeal: Federal Circuit rules that isolated DNA sequences are patent eligible subject matter under § 101,” *Lexology* (August 2011)
- “Technology Times: First to Invent? Prove It,” *Technology Times: News on the Business of Technology* (June 2006)
- “Description proscription? *Ariad v. Lilly* decision to be reviewed by full court,” *Industrial Biotechnology* (2009)
- “The Bright Side of Nuclear Winter: Opportunities in the New, New Economy,” *xconomy.com* (January 2009)
- “Maximizing IP value in an economic downturn (& beyond) in the life science industry,” *Industrial Biotechnology* (2009)

Speaking engagements

- “IPRs During The Pandemic: What Has Been Happening At The PTAB?” *Consero IP Management Forum* (October 22, 2021)
- “Maximizing your IP Due Diligence Approach and How the Deal is Structured,” *Momentum’s Due Diligence for Life Sciences* (August 18, 2021)
- “A View From The Trenches Of The PTAB: Strategies For Patent Owners (& Patent Applicants),” *Consero 2019 Global IP Management Forum* (December 2019)
- “A View from the Tranches of the PTAB: Strategies for Patent Owners,” *Consero 2019 Global IP Management Forum* (June 2019)
- “Intellectually Smart Devices: Navigating Patent Risks in the Age of Intelligent Inhalers” *Respiratory Drug Delivery Europe 2019* (May 2019)
- “Managing The Inside-Outside Counsel Working Relationship” *Consero 2017 IP Forum for Life Sciences* (April 2017)
- “KnowledgeBridge: A View From The Trenches Of The Most-Active Forum For Patent Validity Challenges – The PTAB” *Consero 2017 IP Forum for Life Sciences* (April 2017)
- “IP Perspectives – US and China Webinar Series: Cross-Border Patent Issues in the Life Sciences,” *Fish Webinar* (April 2017)
- “Knowledge Bridge: A View From the Trenches of the Most Active Forum for Patent Validity Challenges—the PTAB,” *Consero 2016 IP Forum for Life Sciences* (December 2016)
- “Biologics Litigation and IPRs,” *Fish Webinar* (October 2016)
- “Three Years Post-AIA: What Have We Learned?,” *Consero 2016 Global IP Management Forum* (June 2016)
- “PTAB Adjudication Process: Lessons Learned Over Three Years,” *Thomas Jefferson School of Law IP Symposium: Aftershocks of the AIA’s Post-Grant Proceedings: Its Advocates & Critics* (April 2016)
- “Three Years After the AIA: What Have We Learned?,” *Consero 2015 IP Forum for Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology* (December 2015)
- “Advanced Strategies for Life Sciences Companies: IPR and FDA Regulatory Strategy,” *Georgia Bio Innovation Summit* (November 2015)
- “Old Dog, New Tricks: Forward-Thinking Trends for the AIA,” *Consero 2015 Global IP Management Forum* (June 2015)
- “Challenging and Defending BioPharma Patents at the PTAB - What Practitioners Need to Know,” *Fish Webinar* (July 2014)
- “Foreign Filing Strategies – Considerations in Protecting Your Patents Globally,” *Fish Patent Webinar* (February 2014)
- “The Eternal Balancing Act: Protecting Your Global IP And Sticking To Budget,” *Consero 2013 IP Pharma Summit* (December 2013)
- “Post-Grant for Practitioners Part IX: Inter Partes Review and the Life Sciences,” *Fish Post-Grant Webinar* (October 2013)
- “Maximizing IP Due Diligence to Minimize Risk,” *Consero 2013 Intellectual Property Management Forum* (June 2013)
- “First Inventor to File Under AIA,” *Minneapolis Patents on Tap Series* (March 2013)

- “America Invents Act: Adapting to the New Rules,” *Silicon Valley Life Sciences Series* (March 2013)
- “America Invents Act: Get Ready for the New Rules,” *Boston Biotech Series* (February 2013)

Media mentions

- "[Natural friendships: how patent lawyers win clients at conferences](#)" *Managing IP* (October 12, 2023)
 - "[US IP counsel scrutinise foreign filings amid economic concerns](#)," *Managing IP* (March 31, 2023)
 - Quoted in “Mergers, metrics and the AIA,” *Intellectual Property Magazine* (March 2015)
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Services

Patent Litigation

Post-Grant

Patent

Strategic Patent Counseling & Opinions

Industries

Digital Health

Life Sciences

Medical Devices

Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2000)

Pennsylvania (1997)

New Jersey

District of Columbia (2011)

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Education

J.D., Temple University Beasley School of Law (1997)

M.S., Zoology, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (1992)

B.S., Neurobiology and Animal Physiology, Purdue University (1989)