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Overview

Having worked in pharmaceutical research, academia, and law, Jasmine De Cock, Ph.D., is experienced at every stage of an invention from ideation and development through patent prosecution and IP portfolio management. As a result, she offers clients unique insight into their inventions and how best to protect them.

Jasmine's practice focuses on patent prosecution and counseling in the life sciences (including cancer biology, cellular and molecular biology immunology, biochemistry, and molecular genetics). She assists clients in obtaining patents claiming methods of recombinant protein manufacturing, nucleic acid vectors, recombinant nucleic acids and proteins, antibodies, methods of treatment, vaccines, gene therapies, CRISPR therapeutics, CAR T-cell therapies, immunotherapies, and screening and diagnostic assays and kits. Additionally, Jasmine manages U.S. and foreign patent portfolios, conducts due diligence studies, and drafts validity and infringement opinions. She is currently training to become a European patent attorney so that she will be registered to practice before the European Patent Office as well as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In 2024, Jasmine was appointed by the president of the European Patent Office (EPO) to join the Standing Advisory Committee Before the EPO (SACEPO) Working Party on Quality for the Americas as a representative of the US Bar – EPO liaison council. The SACEPO Working Party on Quality serves as a platform for active engagement with the EPO to improve the quality of the patent grant process based on user input. Jasmine is also an active member in Fish & Richardson's Black legal staff affinity group (BlackFISH), women's initiative (EMPOWER), Asian legal staff affinity group (ALLIES) mentorship program, and Allyship affinity group. She is regularly invited to speak on diversity issues in science and law, and nontraditional career paths at Northeastern University and MIT to undergraduate and graduate students.

Before and during law school, Jasmine worked as a technology specialist and then a patent agent at Fish in the Boston and New York offices, respectively. She also interned in Fish's Boston office through the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni Association Externship Program.

As a first-year student at Columbia Law School, Jasmine participated in the 1L Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Scholars Program. She was also the recipient of the 2020 NY IP Law Education Foundation Diversity Scholarship.

She earned her Ph.D. in biology from Dr. Robert Weinberg's laboratory at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research/MIT, where she investigated the role of inflammation in the awakening of dormant disseminated cancer cells. While earning her undergraduate degree at King's College London (U.K.), Jasmine was an industrial placement student at Pfizer in Sandwich, U.K., where she worked in a multidisciplinary group on high-throughput assay development.

Recognitions & awards

Diversity Scholarship

NY IP Law Education Foundation (NYIPLEF) 2020

1L Scholar

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

Ludwig Graduate Student Fellowship

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Professional associations

European Patent Office, Standing Advisory Committee Before the EPO (SACEPO), Working Party on Quality for the Americas (2024-present)

US Bar-EPO Liaison Council, current Delegate of NYIPLA (2023-present)

New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA), Co-Chair of Young Lawyers Committee (2021-2024)

American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), Member of the IP Practice in Europe Committee

ChIPs New York Chapter & Munich Chapter

Women in IP e.V.

IP and ME

Insights

Blog | November 1, 2023

Legal Alert: EPO Enlarged Board of Appeal Raises Bar for Challenging Priority Claims at the EPO

Blog | February 7, 2017

Dance Partners Janssen and Celltrion Face Off in Trial Scheduled for February 2017

Events

April 26, 2023

New York Intellectual Property Law Association | From Conception to the Patent Office: Women Inventors Across the U.S. and EU

Additional insights

Publications

- "LACTB is a tumour suppressor that modulates lipid metabolism and cell state." *Nature* (March 2017: 543(7647): 681-686)
 - "[Dance Partners Janssen and Celltrion Face Off in Trial Scheduled for February 2017](#)," *Fish Litigation Blog* (February 7, 2017)
 - "Inflammation triggers Zeb1-dependent escape from tumor latency," *Cancer Research* (2016 Dec 1;76(23):6778-6784)
 - "Neutrophils suppress intraluminal NK-mediated tumor cell clearance and enhance extravasation of disseminated carcinoma cells," *Cancer Discov* (2016 June; (6): 630-49)
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Services

Patent

Patent Prosecution

Strategic Patent Counseling & Opinions
Patent Portfolio Management

Industries

Life Sciences
Academic Research & Medical Centers
Biotech & Diagnostics

Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2018)
New York (2022)

Languages

Dutch
French
German
English

Education

J.D., Columbia University Law School (2021)
Ph.D., Biology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2016)
B.S. *summa cum laude*, Biochemistry, King's College London (2010)
B.A.C. with high honors, Lycée Pierre de Fermat (2006)