



## Karrie Wheatley, Ph.D.

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### Overview

Karrie Wheatley, Ph.D., represents clients in patent cases in U.S. District Courts throughout the country and at the U.S. International Trade Commission, as well as in inter partes review and post-grant review proceedings at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. Karrie's practice encompasses all aspects of patent litigation from pre-suit diligence to post-trial briefing.

Within the life sciences sector, Karrie has a particular interest in working with advances in personalized medicine. She also represents branded pharmaceutical companies in Hatch-Waxman litigation as well as a major academic research institution in litigation protecting the intellectual property generated by leading research scientists. Outside of life sciences practice, Karrie has extensive experience with technologies as varied as graphics processing units, FinFET design, and hydraulic fracturing.

With a Ph.D. in nutritional sciences, Karrie's technical background runs particularly deep. During graduate school and a postdoctoral fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center, Karrie performed breast cancer research that was funded by competitive grants from National Cancer Institute. Her primary areas of research involved overexpressed genes for potential drug targets in triple-negative breast cancer and novel regimens to induce synthetic lethality as a cancer therapeutic. Karrie's extensive research experience gives her unique insights into her clients' day-to-day operations and informs many of her litigation strategies.

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### Recognitions & awards

Ones to Watch

*Best Lawyers* 2021-2025

Rising Star

*Super Lawyers* 2023-2024

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### Pro bono activities

Karrie dedicates significant time to her pro bono practice. Her notable pro bono matters include immigration and asylum matters in which she advocates for vulnerable children in coordination with Kids in Need of Defense. Karrie collaborated with Lambda Legal to represent a client who alleged that she had been fired due to her sexual orientation; the matter reached a favorable settlement. Karrie has also provided pro bono service in prisoners' rights cases, including representing a client in a suit against the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for an alleged violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Karrie serves as the pro bono coordinating attorney for Fish's Houston office.

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## Insights

Webinar | December 11, 2024

The FTC and the Orange Book: Considerations for Patent Owners

Webinar | July 11, 2023

What Med Device Companies Need to Know About Litigating in the ITC

Blog | June 4, 2020

Generic Drug Labeling and Induced Patent Infringement

IP Law Essentials | April 9, 2020

Arbitration: A Way to Advance Patent Litigation During the COVID-19 Crisis

Blog | January 5, 2017

Confidentiality in BPCIA Cases

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## News

September 18, 2024

Principals Karrie Wheatley and Whitney Reichel Represent Fish & Richardson at Prestigious 2024 Lead Counsel Summit

August 15, 2024

101 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2025 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

August 17, 2023

101 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2024 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

January 3, 2023

Fish & Richardson Elevates 15 Attorneys to Principal in Class Distinguished by Diversity of Background and Experience

August 22, 2022

96 Fish Attorneys Included in the 2023 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

August 15, 2022

Fish & Richardson Secures Win for Exela Pharma Sciences in ELCYS® Patent Infringement Litigation

August 19, 2021

Fish Attorneys Recognized in 2022 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

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## Events

June 1, 2023

Texas General Counsel Forum CLE Program: Exploring Common Pitfalls of Privilege

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## Additional insights

### Speaking engagements

- "Negotiation Ethics for In-House Counsel," *Fish L.E.A.D. Event*, Houston, Texas (February 2018)
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## Services

Litigation

## Industries

Consumer Electronics  
Energy & Chemicals  
Petrochemical  
Life Sciences  
Medical Devices  
Pharmaceuticals

## Admissions

Texas (2015)

## Education

J.D., University of Houston Law Center (2015)  
Ph.D., Nutritional Sciences, University of Texas at Austin (2010)  
B.A., Humanities, University of Texas at Austin (1999)