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Overview

About Meg

Margaret “Meg” S.J. Willis, Ph.D., is a technology specialist and patent agent in the Twin Cities office of Fish & Richardson P.C. Dr. Willis focuses her practice on patent prosecution, including drafting and prosecuting patent applications, prior art searches, freedom to operate studies, and patentability and infringement analyses. With a wide range of technological expertise in the life sciences, she leads the firm’s sequencing group, and is skilled in biotechnology, developmental biology, genetics and genetic diseases, CRISPR, gene therapy, molecular biology, signal transduction, biochemical and molecular techniques, biomedical imaging, cell culture techniques, genetic engineering and manipulation, cancer biology, mouse model development and maintenance, immunology and immunotherapeutics, and biomolecule-polymer conjugates.

Dr. Willis’s clients are mainly corporate IP teams and educational institutions. Her clients choose to work with her because of her approachability and the jovial touch she brings to her matters, as well as her reputation for going above and beyond to meet their most demanding needs. She takes immense pride in helping her clients solve complex problems and shares in their satisfaction when they achieve their goals.

Outside of her patent practice, Dr. Willis gives back to the community through her volunteer work as a Girl Scout troop leader, where she helps young girls discover the wonders of science and shapes the next generation of STEM leaders.

Focus Areas

Services

- Patent

Industries

- Life Sciences

Education

Ph.D., Molecular, Cellular, Developmental Biology and Genetics, University of Minnesota (2007)

B.S., Natural Sciences with Biology emphasis, University of Puget Sound (2001)

Insights

Selected Presentations and Publications

Joesting MS, Perrin S, Elenbaas E, Fawell SE, Rubin JS, Franco OE, Hayward SW, Cunha GR, Marker PC. “Identification of SFRP1 as a Candidate Mediator of Stromal-to-Epithelial Signaling Prostate Cancer,” November 15, 2005 Cancer Research 65(22): 10423-10430.

Joesting MS, Cheever TR, Volzing KG, Yamaguchi TP, Wolf V, Naf D, Rubin JS, Marker PC. “Secreted frizzled related protein 1 is a paracrine modulator of epithelial branching morphogenesis, proliferation, and secretory gene expression in the prostate,” May 1, 2008 Developmental Biology 317(1):161-173.

Memberships & Affiliations

American Association for the Advancement of Science

Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association

American Intellectual Property Law Association