

Supporting Pharmaceutical Breakthroughs & Innovations

The pharmaceutical industry provides medicine and treatments to people across the globe. The large sums of money needed to develop pharmaceuticals makes it crucial for companies to protect their investments. The fast pace of discoveries and medical applications requires an equally skilled team to help navigate intellectual property issues that arise in the pharmaceutical industry. Large and small companies, along with academic and research institutions, turn to our professionals because we help develop strategies to navigate the challenges of protecting their most valuable innovations and support the life cycle management of key drugs and treatments.

Patterson IP's technical and legal expertise in drug discovery, diagnostics, therapeutics, biosimilars, small molecules, gene therapy, vaccines, drug delivery, and industrial applications allows us to recognize the value of protecting IP throughout the various pharmaceutical landscapes. Our clients range from established multinational corporations to early-stage companies to academic institutions. No matter their size, we provide tailored support services, including IP protection, strategic, transactional, and enforcement services. Because our attorneys have degrees in chemistry and biology — including doctorates in cancer biology and neuroscience — we can provide our clients with the right combination of expertise for their needs.

Pharmaceutical Patent Protection

Pharmaceuticals can cover a wide variety of inventions, including chemical compositions, diagnostics, methods of treatment, or a method of manufacturing. Patterson IP's understanding of IP law coupled with our scientific backgrounds give us the needed experience and knowledge to help advise you on your best options for seeking patent protection now and in the future.

Our experience allows our clients to protect their inventions in areas such as antibodies, gene technology, gene therapy, vaccines, biologics, biosimilars, tissue engineering, cell therapy, and immunologics, just to name a few. The intellectual property services we provide to our clients helps to establish their brand in the marketplace.

Our novelty pharmaceuticals patent services include worldwide prosecution support, patent drafting, and patent portfolio management. We can provide freedom to use, infringement, validity, and patentability opinions, as well as portfolio analysis for due diligence. We also regularly assist clients with trademark and copyright matters essential for brand protection.

Trade Secrets

Trade secrets and “know-how” provide the underpinnings for many of the latest innovations in pharmaceutical industries. Proprietary information regarding the methods or processes in which a pharmaceutical treatment, medical composition, or therapeutic agent is produced may gain added protection from trade secret programs. We provide counsel on trade secret programs for industrial manufacturers involving proprietary chemical processes that produce specialized products or materials.

Patterson IP advises clients on best practices and policies that comply with international, federal, and state privacy mandates, and helps them manage and secure trade secret information, as well as maintain appropriate data security policies.

IP Enforcement & Defense

Patterson IP has extensive experience in federal courts across the nation, as well as the International Trade Commission (ITC) and post-grant proceedings at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. We leverage our varied technical expertise to assist clients in both asserting their IP, whether patents, trade secrets, trademarks, or copyrights, and in defending suits that may threaten their businesses.

Licensing Valuable Technology

In some circumstances, licensing of technology to third-parties can be the sole source of revenue for a business in the pharmaceutical industry. In others, it may be but a small part of their overall business strategy. Patterson IP's licensing practitioners routinely handle intellectual property licensing and technology agreements for organizations ranging from start-ups, to higher education institutions, to multinational corporations. Our attorneys have come from in-house positions and participated in business mentoring and incubator programs, providing a unique understanding of what clients need to protect and commercialize their valuable IP.