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Chris's background in science allows him to help clients develop effective strategies for protecting their intellectual property. He counsels clients in all aspects of patent prosecution and patent counseling, including opinion work specific to freedom to operate, invalidity, non-infringement, patentability, and industry landscape analyses. Chris has developed patent portfolios for several developmental stage biologics and counsels clients on patent term extensions, adjustments, and FDA exclusivity.

Chris is well-versed in all phases of domestic and foreign patent prosecution, and his patent procurement experience involves preparing and prosecuting domestic and foreign patent applications for clients in the life science and chemical areas, with particular emphasis on the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, diagnostics, and small molecule arenas. Chris also has experience with a variety of post-grant proceedings including reexaminations, European oppositions, and *inter partes* reviews.

Chris's representative matters include:

- Successfully defended an inventorship challenge filed by a third party against a patent owned by a small molecule pharmaceutical company client at the district court and on appeal to the Federal Circuit.
- Prepared, prosecuted and managed complex United States and international patent portfolios covering selective progesterone receptor modifiers and selective estrogen receptor modifiers.
- Prepared, prosecuted and managed complex United States and international patent portfolios covering genetically modified microorganisms.
- Prepared, prosecuted and managed complex United States and international patent portfolios directed to gene therapy.
- Conducted non-infringement and invalidity opinions for international pharmaceutical manufacturers.
- Prepared, prosecuted and managed complex United States and international patent portfolios covering medical diagnostic methods for several molecular diagnostic companies.

- Counseled several biotechnology companies and maintained their United States and international patent portfolios directed to oncolytic viruses.

Education

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law
J.D., 2005

Baylor College of Medicine
Ph.D., 2000

University of Houston
B.S., 1995, summa cum laude

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Professional Organizations

- American Bar Association

Community

Chris has served on the Associate Board of the American Cancer Society since 2006. He also volunteers at Chicago Cares.

Services

Intellectual Property & Technology
Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Areas of Focus

Intellectual Property Management
License & Protection of Intellectual Property
Patents
Technology Transactions
Technology Use & Protection