

Patent Attorney II, Biologics

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USA

Summary

Location: this role can be based in Cambridge MA or San Diego CA, US
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The Novartis R&D Legal IP team is seeking a new Patent Attorney II, Biologics, to perform core patent and more complex patent, exclusivity, and related activities independently. To advise and strategically partner within the business, including with leaders within the business, with respect to patent and related activities. To utilize high level expertise on specific topics for assigned portfolios and tasks, and within the IP area. To contribute to the development of operational and strategic objectives.

About the Role

Major accountabilities:

- Undertakes and leads core and some complex patent activities in role; e.g. patent drafting and prosecution, patentability and freedom to operate analysis, IP due diligences, litigation, and contract IP terms.
- Manages a patent portfolio relating to a key product, multiple products, or other strategic assets.
- Applies expertise in national patent law and practice and superior working knowledge of foreign patent law and practice.
- Understands other forms of protection relating to exclusivity, and applies as required.
- Understands the business of the Novartis group as part of the healthcare industry, and the role of IP in the business at that level.
- Builds relationships and counsels senior colleagues and key Business Partners on complex and high value/impact IP-related matters and represents IP on respective boards/meetings as needed.
- Manages patent and other exclusivity litigation with some independence according to the agreed process.
- Contributes to management of budget through careful planning, management of external counsels, and applying cost containment strategies.
- Contributes to implementation and applies IP policies and guidelines.
- Reporting of technical complaints / adverse events / special case scenarios related to Novartis products within 24 hours of receipt -Distribution of marketing samples (where applicable)

What you will bring to the role:

EDUCATION:

- J.D. degree with admission to at least one state bar & registered to practice before US Patent Office
- AND:

- Bachelor degree in biology or equivalent; MS/ PhD, or equivalent, in biology / biologics or pharmaceutical science is preferred
- *PLUS*
- 1-2+ years exposure to the drug discovery and development processes utilized at pharmaceutical and/or biotechnology companies

EXPERIENCE:

- 7+ years' experience as a patent practitioner in a law firm or in the pharmaceutical or biotechnology industry is required
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- Strong scientific background in biological sciences, preferably including direct lab experience
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- Expertise in local (US) and PCT law, filing process and prosecution practice; detailed understanding of counterpart European patent law and other major global patent systems
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- Strong customer-service experience & focus to build and sustain effective partnerships with key stakeholders and project teams
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- Experience integrating global outlook and management of product lifecycle into decision-making process

SKILLS/COMPETENCIES:

- Effective analytical, presentation, and business communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and collaboratively in a team
- Well-developed research and critical thinking skills, and sound decision-making abilities, with attention to detail to produce consistently accurate work
- Strong organization and time management skills with flexibility, creativity, resourcefulness to successfully prioritize and manage multiple, competing priorities simultaneously
- Strong interpersonal skills (partnership, influence/persuasion, teamwork)

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Division

Legal

Business Unit

Pharma Research

Location

USA

State

Massachusetts

Site

Cambridge (USA)

Company / Legal Entity

U175 (FCRS = US175) Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research, Inc.

Alternative Location 1

San Diego, California, USA

Functional Area

Legal & Intellectual Property & Compl.

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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