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## TOP INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWYERS 2025



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**W**endy Devine has built an 18-year career in intellectual property law, specializing in complex patent litigation for innovative companies across pharmaceuticals and food technology sectors.

Following in her father's footsteps, Devine found her niche at the intersection of science and law after completing her graduate science degree. Her background in genetics and agriculture has proven valuable in groundbreaking cases.

"I knew I enjoyed science and wanted a career that would allow me to constantly learn and be challenged," Devine said.

"Like my father, I have found that I enjoy the intersection of technology and law, which provides me with the unique opportunity to learn about cutting-edge science while designing creative strategies to help my clients reach their business goals."

Devine represented Impossible Foods in the first patent litigation in the plant-based food industry involving their heme-containing products. *Impossible Foods Inc. v. Motif Foodworks, Inc.*, 1:22-cv-00311 (D. Del, filed March 9, 2022).

With trial approaching, the parties resolved the matter and released a joint statement that said: "This resolution affirms Impossible Foods' category leadership and the strength of its product portfolio related to heme."

Her work with Viatrix has focused on clearing market paths for generic medications, including a recent case involving rivaroxaban where her team successfully invalidated a patent through *inter partes* review. *In re: Xarelto (Rivaroxaban)* ("310) Patent Litigation, 21-md-03017 (D. Del., filed Dec. 10, 2021).

For Azurity Pharmaceuticals, Devine has defended patents related to products serving underserved populations like children and the elderly, enabling the company's continued growth and development of new offerings. *Arbor Pharmaceuticals,*

*LLC et al. v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC*, 1:22-cv-02323 (D. N.J., filed April 21, 2022).

"I approach challenges and strategies with my client's perspective and goals in mind," Devine said. "I strive to provide pragmatic advice and strategies that consider the relevant business objectives, and, importantly, how those objectives may change as litigation progresses."

She notes that patent litigation often extends over years, during which a client's definition of success might evolve. This reality shapes her approach to client relationships.

"Ongoing, open communication about strategy and evolving goals is key to my relationships with my clients," she said.

Devine identifies translating complex scientific information as a significant challenge in life science patent cases. Making technical details both understandable and persuasive to judges and juries drives many of her strategic decisions.

Recent Federal Circuit decisions have shifted the landscape for patent validity, with increased focus on enablement and written description analyses, Devine said.

In Hatch-Waxman litigation, she noted continuing uncertainty around Section VIII carve-out non-infringement arguments and impacts on Orange Book patent listing strategies.