



## PATENTS AND INNOVATION

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati's patents and innovation practice handles complex IP matters for clients both nationally and internationally. Our attorneys represent mature companies valued at billions of dollars, innovative start-up enterprises, and individual inventors. The team often serves as initial counsel to many of these companies and guides them through maturity and key milestones such as acquisitions and IPOs. We work closely with our clients to develop and execute both offensive and defensive IP strategies to secure financing and stay competitive in the marketplace. In addition, our team works closely with other practices within the firm—such as corporate, patent litigation, and technology transactions—to optimize the strength and value of our clients' patents.

We have an impressive track record of IP value creation, as members of our practice are responsible for the development of the IP portfolios covering such inventions as the DNA chip, cancer therapies, nanotechnology, cell-free genetic tests, medical devices, stem cell technologies, and next-generation DNA sequencing.

## AN EXCITING CLIENT BASE:

**Our patents and innovation attorneys represent numerous industry-leading companies, including:**



## WHAT OUR ASSOCIATES ARE SAYING:

"From the moment I joined WSGR's patents and innovation practice, I knew I had found the perfect spot for me. Over the summer, I had the opportunity to work with top innovators in the scientific community, as well as with the most experienced patent professionals in the field. I was intellectually challenged and stimulated throughout my entire summer at WSGR."

**—Christina Susanto (Palo Alto, First-Year Associate and 2015 Summer Associate)**

"The patents and innovation practice at WSGR provides a unique combination of scientific expertise and entrepreneurial spirit in advising a diverse array of clients representing every area of technology throughout all stages of development. I cannot say enough about the diversity and intellectual rigor of the work. In the course of a single day as a summer associate, I went from prosecuting an educational software patent application before the U.S. Patent Office to researching evidentiary requirements for post-grant review to helping a client fend off an attack on a key patent. Perhaps what I most love about WSGR is that I can be a lawyer without losing my lifelong connection to science and technology. I'm at the forefront of innovation while working alongside fellow professionals who are passionate and dedicated to our clients. I knew from the moment I first began working here as a summer associate that I was in the right place."

**—Q Deng (San Diego, First-Year Associate and 2014 and 2015 Summer Associate)**

## Patents and Innovation Practice Highlights:

- Comprehensive management of client intellectual property portfolio, including IP due diligence for venture financings, freedom-to-operate analyses, licensing, and preparation and prosecution of U.S. and foreign patent applications
- Diverse client base that includes start-ups, individual inventors looking for seed funding, and corporations valued at billions of dollars, including in the life sciences, medical device, digital health care, and renewable energy industries
- Thriving Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) practice for *inter partes* reviews, post-grant reviews, interferences, and reexamination proceedings
- Associates obtain early hands-on experience, often serving as the point of contact for growth-stage start-ups where patent protection is especially valuable
- Global practice with opportunities to work with foreign clients, associates, and patent offices
- Integrated practice spread across offices strategically located in Silicon Valley, Boston, Seattle, Austin, D.C., New York, San Diego, Brussels, and Beijing
- More than 150 attorneys, patent agents, and scientific advisors firmwide
- Several former USPTO executives with in-depth knowledge of USPTO procedures, including a former Administrative Patent Judge, a former Deputy Administrator in the Office of Policy and External Affairs, a former Deputy Commissioner for Patent Operations, and a former Deputy Commissioner for Patent Administration
- Focused IP training includes the annual Patent Boot Camp, PatLab Series with introductory and advanced classes, and monthly meetings addressing recent developments in patent law
- Advanced and introductory legal education classes available in all areas of law
- Team files an average of more than 45 U.S. patent applications each week, and more than 700 patents were granted in 2017

## A Nationally Recognized Practice:

- WSGR's patent practice and its attorneys have received national recognition in recent years, including being honored as a *Law360* "Life Sciences Group of the Year" for 2016
- In 2017 and 2016, WSGR ranked No. 1 among life sciences law firms by Lake Whillans in its Life Sciences Law Firm Index, which identifies the most active and relevant law firms for life sciences companies
- Recognized by *Managing Intellectual Property* as one of the nation's most active law firms at the PTAB in 2016
- Several patent attorneys have been individually honored with awards, including "Life Science Star," "Rising Stars," "Top Rated Lawyer in Intellectual Property," "Top 25 Intellectual Property Portfolio Managers," and "Best Lawyers in America"

## Looking Ahead:

- Nested within a full-service law firm that is constantly evolving to meet client needs
- Ready and looking to expand into new markets: WSGR opened a Boston office in early 2016 to better serve the growing life sciences community, as well as the thriving technology and other growth companies in the area
- Specialized PTAB expertise: Expanding PTAB group focused on AIA post-grant proceedings
- Fast-growing practice: More than 29 new associates, agents, and advisors were hired in 2018



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