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FOCUS AREAS

Biotech
Intellectual Property
Life Sciences
Patents and Innovations

EXPERIENCE

- **Designed and implemented IP strategy for 13 FDA-approved drugs and 60 active clinical trials**

Erleada, Imbruvica, Lesinurad, Maralixibat, neffy, Otiprio, Palsonify, Talazoparib, TEPEZZA, Tyrvaya, VIZZ, Widaplik, and Xiidra

- **Extensive experience representing clients on both sell-side and buy-side M&As, with eight over \$1 billion**

Abide Therapeutics, Amplyx Pharmaceuticals, Aragon Pharmaceuticals, Ardea Biosciences, Horizon Therapeutics, Lengo Therapeutics, Pharmacyclics, RayzeBio, Seragon Pharmaceuticals, Synthorx, and Vividion Therapeutics, each leading to an acquisition by a major pharmaceutical company.

- **Extensive experience representing underwriters, investors, and companies in financings**

Avalon BioVentures, AXA Investment Managers, Foresite Capital, Frazier Healthcare Partners, General Atlantic Service Company, Novo Holdings, OrbiMed, RA Capital Management, SR One Capital Management, venBio Partners, Vida Ventures, and other venture and investment funds, in IP diligence matters.

Have supported more than 500 clients undergoing IP diligence for a venture round of investment

Ambrx, ARS Pharma, Avidity Biosciences, Boundless Bio, Centessa Pharmaceuticals, Crinetics Pharmaceuticals, Denali Therapeutics, Design Therapeutics, Erasca, Harpoon Therapeutics, Janux Therapeutics, Kinnate Biopharma, LENZ Therapeutics, MBX Biosciences, ORIC Pharmaceuticals, Synthorx, and TCR2, all on IP matters related to their IPOs.

- **Connects Life Sciences Community**

Co-creator of Wilson Sonsini's Healthcare Investment Initiative, which includes the Healthcare Investment Forum and the Innovator's Edge Series. Also on the board of directors for LaunchBio, and co-creator and host of the *NextGen VC Podcast*.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Duke University School of Law, 2001
Order of the Coif; Summa Cum Laude; Grand Prize Winner, Duke Business Plan Competition
- Ph.D., Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley, 1992
- B.S., Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1987

Honors

- Named among the 2026 “[Top Intellectual Property Lawyers](#)” by the *Daily Journal*
- Named a finalist for “Patent Strategy Attorney of the Year (California)” for the *LMG Life Sciences* 2024 Americas Awards
- Recipient, *LMG Life Sciences*’ 2020 Patent Strategy Attorney of the Year – California

Admissions

- State Bar of California
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

INSIGHTS

Select Speaking Engagements

- Co-creator and host, “[NextGen VC Podcast](#),” 2023-Present