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FOCUS AREAS

Intellectual Property
Life Sciences
Patents and Innovations

EXPERIENCE

Dr. James Malecha is a patent counselor in the San Diego office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he assists with the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in the fields of chemistry, pharmaceuticals, and biotechnology. He also provides support on various intellectual property counseling matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Jim led medicinal chemistry groups at Kalypsys and Searle/Pharmacia. At Kalypsys, Jim directed research programs in a number of therapeutic areas, including metabolic disease, oncology, and arthritis and inflammation. He also managed the Kalypsys chemical development team and coordinated chemical outsourcing activities. At Searle/Pharmacia, Jim worked for 12 years as a group and project leader. He was a member of the COX-2 project team responsible for the discovery of Celebrex.

Jim is a co-inventor of numerous clinical candidates and two marketed products, Celebrex and Trocoxil. While in graduate school, he studied the total synthesis of a marine sponge metabolite and developed new synthetic methodologies. Jim has co-authored 15 scientific papers and is a co-inventor on 39 U.S. patents.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- Ph.D., Organic Chemistry, Northwestern University
Thesis: "Studies Directed Towards the Total Synthesis of Calyculin A"
- B.S., Organic Chemistry, Butler University

Admissions

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

TECHNICAL FLUENCY

Therapeutics and Drug Discovery

- Small molecule synthesis
- Small molecules

Chemistry and Material Science

- Chemical synthesis
- Chemistry
- Organic chemistry
- Process chemistry