

## Rex W. Watkins

OF COUNSEL

Patents and  
Innovations

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### FOCUS AREAS

Biotech  
Intellectual Property  
Life Sciences  
Medical Devices  
Patents and Innovations

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Strategic Patent Counselor**  
Rex provides a holistic IP strategy to life science companies.
- IP Deal Expertise**  
Rex advises clients on IP matters relating to financing, M&A, and partnership deals.

### EXPERIENCE

Dr. Rex Watkins is Of Counsel at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where his practice focuses on patent procurement—both domestic and international—for clients in the life sciences. Rex has extensive experience in patent counseling, patent drafting and prosecution, freedom-to-operate analyses, validity and infringement opinions, IP due diligence, patent litigation, and licensing.

Rex's technical expertise extends across the life sciences industry, including biologics, genetics, fluorescence, small molecules, peptides, drug-delivery systems, antisense nucleic acids, microarrays, RNA technologies, vaccines, chemical synthesis, polymer chemistry, and organometallic catalysts. He also has significant patent prosecution experience with medical devices, including vascular access technologies, stents, inflation systems, and embolics.

Prior to joining the firm, Rex was a judicial extern for Judge Randall R. Radar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He also has experience as a research assistant at Utah State University and as an intern at a small biotechnology company.

Rex is practicing virtually in Utah, where he is licensed.

### CREDENTIALS

#### Education

- J.D., J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, 2013  
*Magna Cum Laude; Senior Editor, BYU Law Review*
- Ph.D., Biochemistry, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2010  
*NSF Graduate Research Fellow*
- B.S., Chemistry, Utah State University, 2005  
*Summa Cum Laude*

#### Associations and Memberships

- Committee Member and Giles Rich Moot Court Competition Liaison, Intellectual Property Section, Utah State Bar, 2015-2016
- Subcommittee Chair, Utah Innovation Awards, Biotechnology and Medical Devices, 2014-2016

- Member, American Chemical Society, 2004-2016

#### Admissions

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

## INSIGHTS

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### Select Publications

- Co-author with V. Norviel, L. Lieto, D. Hoffmeister, G. Ravitz, J. Ravitz, and C. Andres, "Citizen Petitions are Crucial in Managing A Drug's Life Cycle," *Law360*, November 8, 2019
- Co-author, "Ribonuclease S redux," 47(3) *Chemical Communications* 973-5, 2011
- Co-author, "Fluorogenic affinity label for the facile, rapid imaging of proteins in live cells," 7(19) *Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry* 3969-75, 2009
- Co-author, "Divalent metal complexes of an amide-appended N<sub>3</sub>O-donor ligand: Synthesis, structural and spectroscopic features, and amide methanolysis reactivity," 61(1) *Journal of Coordination Chemistry* 61-77, 2008
- Co-author, "Amide hydrolysis reactivity of a N<sub>4</sub>O-ligated zinc complex: Comparison of kinetic and thermodynamic parameters with those of the corresponding amide methanolysis reaction," 46(7) *Inorganic Chemistry* 2353-5, 2006
- Co-author, "Synthesis and characterization of a series of N<sub>3</sub>O-ligated mononuclear Mn(II) halide complexes," 359(4) *Inorganica Chimica Acta* 1282-90, 2006
- Co-author, "Manganese (II) chemistry of a new N<sub>3</sub>O-donor chelate ligand: Synthesis, X-ray structures, and magnetic properties of solvent- and oxalate-bound complexes," 11 *Dalton Transactions* 1891-6, 2005
- Co-author, "Mononuclear nitrogen/sulfur-ligated cobalt(II) methoxide complexes: Structural, EPR, paramagnetic <sup>1</sup>H NMR, and electrochemical investigations," 16 *Dalton Transactions* 2398-9, 2004