

Nima Zargari

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FOCUS AREAS

Patents and Innovations

EXPERIENCE

Dr. Nima Zargari is an associate in the San Diego office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where his practice focuses on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in the fields of chemistry, pharmaceuticals, and biotechnology. Nima represents a diverse range of clients, including innovative start-ups and multinational corporations, across various sectors.

Nima received his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California, where he developed novel palladium-catalyzed synthetic methodologies and founded an unexpected, latent radical reaction of methane. He also served as a judicial extern to the Honorable S. James Otero in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., Loyola Law School, 2020
Otto Kaus Award for Excellence in Legal Scholarship; Editor-in-Chief, Loyola of Los Angeles Entertainment Law Review
- Ph.D., Chemistry, University of Southern California, 2016
Environmental Studies & Alternative Energy Fellowship; Burg Foundation Teaching Fellowship
- B.S., Biological Sciences and Chemistry, University of California, Irvine, 2009
With Honors

Admissions

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

INSIGHTS

Select Publications

- "Nitrohydroxylation of Olefins with Nitric Acid Using Tridentate NHC–Amidate–Alkoxide Containing Palladium Catalysts," 61 *Topics in Catalysis* 630-635, 2018
- "Carbon Dioxide Hydrogenation: Efficient Catalysis by an NHC-Amidate Pd(II) Complex," 58 *Tetrahedron Letters* 3330-3332, 2017
- "Unexpected, Latent Radical Reaction of Methane Propagated by Trifluoromethyl Radicals," 81 *Journal of Organic Chemistry* 9820-9825, 2016
- "Hydroalkenylation: Palladium Catalyzed Co-Dimerization of Unactivated Alkenes," 57 *Tetrahedron Letters* 815-818, 2016
- "Conversion of Saccharides into Formic Acid using Hydrogen Peroxide and a Recyclable Palladium(II) Catalyst in Aqueous Alkaline Media at Ambient Temperatures," 17 *Green Chemistry* 2736-2740, 2015

Select Speaking Engagements

- Guest Lecturer, “Intellectual Property in Biopharmaceutical R&D,” Chapman University School of Pharmacy, Drug Discovery and Development, December 1, 2025
- Guest Lecturer, “Intellectual Property and Regulations,” Chapman University School of Pharmacy, Drug Discovery and Development, November 18, 2024

TECHNICAL FLUENCY

Biological Sciences and Biotechnology

- Biochemistry
- Genetics
- Molecular biology
- PCR

Therapeutics and Drug Discovery

- Drug conjugates based drug discovery
- Drug delivery
- Small molecule synthesis
- Small molecules

Chemistry and Material Science

- Catalysis
- Chemical synthesis
- Chemistry
- Green chemistry
- Organic chemistry
- Organometallics
- Polymers
- Polymorph
- Process chemistry

Miscellaneous

- Design patent
- Formulations