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SERVICES

Intellectual Property
Trademark Services
Patent Services

INDUSTRIES

Biotechnology
Pharmaceutical
Life Sciences

Debora Plehn-Dujowich has extensive experience as a patent attorney focusing on life sciences technologies.

Debora began her career as a molecular biologist having obtained her Ph.D. from Yale University. Following postdoctoral studies and some time as an academic professor, Debora made the switch to patent law. She focuses her patent law practice on the biomedical sciences and assists clients in identifying, protecting and enforcing their intellectual property in the life sciences space.

Debora's experience includes: conducting patent preparation and prosecution; conducting due diligence; drafting licensing agreements; and preparing patentability opinions, landscape opinions and freedom to operate opinions. Debora has also conducted reexamination and interference proceedings.

Debora focuses in particular on IP matters including but not limited to the areas of biotechnology, biochemistry, tissue culture, vaccines, oncology, virology, immunotherapy, immunology, antibodies, microbiome, plants, seeds, agriculture, food chemistry, consumer products, medical devices, protein chemistry, organic chemistry, small molecules, material science, nanotechnology, electronics, polymers, natural products, chemical processes, water treatment, environment, pharmaceuticals and diagnostics.

Select representations include:

- Conducting due diligence review of patent portfolios for several large and small pharmaceutical companies
- Drafting freedom-to-operate opinions for several large and small pharmaceutical companies
- Drafting patentability opinions for several large and small pharmaceutical companies
- Patent preparation and prosecution in the small molecule and pharmaceutical fields for several large and small pharmaceutical companies
- Patent preparation and prosecution in the immunology, virology and oncology fields for large and small pharmaceutical companies
- Patent preparation and prosecution in the life sciences, chemistry, biotechnology and synthetic biology fields for a research institute

- Patent preparation and prosecution in the life sciences, chemistry, and biotechnology fields for a research university

Prior to law school, Debora earned bachelor's and master's degrees in biochemistry from Geneva University in Switzerland, and a master's degree in life sciences from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel. Debora obtained her Ph.D. in biology from Yale University, where she researched the inhibition of influenza virus infections by use of external guide sequences and RNase P in a laboratory led by Sidney Altman, a Noble Prize winning chemist. She was also a post-doctoral fellow of structural biology at a nonprofit biomedical institute focused on oncology, immunology, infectious disease and vaccine research. Debora also taught college biology and chemistry as a tenure track professor at Northampton Community College and was a visiting professor at Lehigh University before attending law school.

Prior to joining Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, Debora gained experience in a large law firm and was a partner at a boutique intellectual property law firm that she co-founded.

Debora is a native speaker of French and Spanish, in addition to English. She also has some proficiency in German and Hebrew.

HONORS

Women in Law Awards for Biotechnology Practice, *Lawyer Monthly*, 2015

Israeli Endocrine Society Prize for the best abstract for basic research, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Israeli Endocrine Society, 1993

European Community of International Schools Prize for International Understanding, 1986

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Intellectual Property Law Association

- Chair, Biotechnology Committee
- Representative, WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge
- Member, Women in IP
- Member, Food and Drug Committee
- Former Co-Editor, Chemical Practice Committee Newsletter

Intellectual Property Owners

Association of University Technology Managers

American Bar Association

American Chemical Society

Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association

EDUCATION

J.D., Temple University Beasley School of Law, 2008

- Dean's List

Ph.D., Yale University, 1997

Postdoctoral Fellow, The Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology

M.S. (Diplome), Geneva University and Weizmann Institute of Science, 1994

M.S., Weizmann Institute of Science Feinberg Graduate School, 1992

B.Sc. (Licence), Geneva University, 1990

BAR ADMISSION

New Jersey

Pennsylvania

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

FIRM MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

Women's Development Initiative