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Leanne is a firm leader in Harness Dickey's Chemical and BioPharma practices. She mentors and coordinates client teams, represents the firm at many professional events and prepares firm educational publications. Leanne is appreciated by her clients worldwide for her creativity in drafting "*outside of the box*" patent applications, particularly at a time when courts are limiting patent eligibility. Her practice includes IP portfolio strategy and management, client counseling, freedom-to-practice opinions and due-diligence assessments. Leanne also provides FDA regulatory counsel including patent drug FDA advice, Patent Term Extension applications and Orange Book assessments.

Leanne's technical prowess is a rare blend, ranging from chemistry to biotechnology. Her client portfolio includes large and small pharmaceutical, life science, chemical and biotechnology companies. More specifically, Leanne focuses her talents on a wide-range of innovations involving small molecule chemistry, biologics, therapeutic methods and formulations, organometallic chemistry and recombinant DNA technologies.

PRACTICE AREAS

Patents

INDUSTRIES

Chemistry & Materials Science; Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology

NEWS/EVENTS

PRESENTATIONS

- Conducted a variety of lectures on patent prosecution sponsored by the Swedish Patent Office in Stockholm, Sweden, on topics including the legislatively-enacted AIA and judicially imposed Supreme Court mandates
- Conducted a variety of seminars in Osaka, Japan in 2013 and 2014 on post-grant AIA strategies and chemical/biotech patent prosecution strategies
- Speaker at the 2014 Corporate Patent Seminar in Chicago, IL on recent USPTO patent office tools

IN THE NEWS

- "Is it in the public's interest to have two similar cholesterol drugs



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on the market?" *STAT*, January 6, 2017

- "Changing the Profession, One Lawyer at a Time," *Law Practice Today*, March 14, 2016
- "Announcing: The Business Journal's 40 Under 40 class of 2016," *St. Louis Business Journal*, December 16, 2015
- "Attorneys Note Legal Issues for 3D Printing of Drugs," *Bloomberg BNA*, November 12, 2015
- "New patent guidelines should be welcomed by pharma, life-science sector," *Inside Counsel*, December 18, 2014
- "Guideline Change," *genomeweb*, December 17, 2014

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

- BioPharma Patents Quick Tips & News - March 2016
- BioPharma Patents Quick Tips & News - January 2016
- BioPharma Patents Quick Tips & News - Sept 2015
- BioPharma Patents Quick Tips & News - July 2015
- BioPharma Patents Quick Tips & News - May 2015
- BioPharma Patents Quick Tips & News, March 2015

BLOGS

- BioPharma Patents Quick Tips & News - November 2017
- BioPharma Patents Quick Tips & News - November 2014 - Throwback Edition
- BioPharma Patents Quick Tips & News - July/August 2014 - Throwback Edition
- Chemistry & Nanotechnology Developments to Watch in 2017
- SCOTUS to Weigh In on Two Biosimilar Provisions of the BPCIA in 2017
- Harnessing the Innovation of BioPharma

BACKGROUND

Prior to practicing law, Leanne studied cell cycle inhibitors and suppressors of cytokine signaling at Pennsylvania State University and GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals. She subsequently focused on recombinant protein expression at Sigma-Aldrich Corporation, and is a co-inventor of U.S. Patent No. 6,902,914 (Recombinant DNA Processes Using A dNTP Mixture Containing Modified Nucleotides).

An invited speaker in the U.S. and abroad, Leanne educates both clients and colleagues on the nuances of patent prosecution and enforcement strategies. Her passion for the America Invents Act (AIA) has spawned many presentations across the U.S., Europe and Japan.

Overall, her clients profess that Leanne consistently delivers *poignant legal counsel, workable solutions and excellent work product delivered in a timely manner.*

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- *St. Louis Business Journal* 40 Under 40 Class of 2016
- *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* "Up and Coming Lawyer," 2013

MEMBERSHIPS

- Intellectual Property Owners Association, Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology Issues Committee, Women in IP Committee
- American Intellectual Property Law Association

EDUCATION

J.D., Washington University in St. Louis, 2005

B.S., Microbiology, *cum laude*, Pennsylvania State University, 2000

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Missouri

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office