

Patent Counsel

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Position:
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Functional area: Legal
Location: West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania
Required degrees: Doctorate
Experience required: 1 year
Relocation: Not Indicated

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Basic qualifications:

Law Degree (juris doctorate (JD) or equivalent from an accredited law school) plus admitted to practice in front of the USPTO (USPTO bar admission) and admitted to at least one state bar with 1- 5 years relevant experience in pharmaceutical and/or biopharmaceutical patent practice, including drafting, filing and prosecution of patent applications in local and foreign jurisdictions, due diligence, business development support.

Preferred qualifications:

- Advanced degree in chemical, biochemical or biological related fields
- Excellent interpersonal, negotiating, and communication skills
- Excellent writing skills
- Excellent analytical and problem-solving skills with the ability to identify and address issues beyond those raised
- Excellent client management skills and the ability to deal confidently with the client and legal function colleagues at a senior level
- Experience in inter parties proceedings (e.g., litigation, US Inter Parties Reviews or Post Grant Reviews, European oppositions)

Details:

- Work with legal management to support internal clients to provide analysis and counsel on legal, policy, compliance, transactional, commercial, or medicine development issues—integrating legal knowledge with sound business understanding
- Create value for GSK by identifying and protecting intellectual property
- Prepare and prosecute patents including patent portfolio management and IP strategy covering medicines in development as well as advanced manufacturing and platform technologies
- Support R&D investments by identifying relevant third party intellectual property, evaluating risk, and implementing an appropriate strategy to mitigate this risk (e.g. opposition or litigation work and/or licensing, including developing cross-licensing strategies, to ensure freedom to operate)
- Provide analysis and counsel on legal, policy, compliance, transactional, commercial, or medicine development issues—integrating legal knowledge with sound business understanding
- Anticipate and proactively support the prevention and management of legal risks facing the company
- Support the company in litigation efforts in support of the company's position
- Develop and recommend policies and practices on issues presenting potential legal risk
- Negotiate agreements with internal company and external parties
- Conduct or coordinate research on legal issues
- Work with or manage activities of external legal counsel on legal matters before the company
- Draft, develop, prepare and execute contracts and other legal documents
- Review business, scientific, commercial, and sales/marketing documents/communications and advise on appropriate strategy/language to manage risk while maximizing business benefit
- Perform due diligence on proposed business transactions
- Review and interpret pending or new legislation or regulatory rules impacting the business to ensure compliance or strategy changes
- Liaise with other departments (e.g. Compliance, Audit and Assurance, Business Development etc.) in coordinating counsel to ensure the integration of the full range of considerations impacting legal recommendations
- Educate client businesses on sound legal practices and new developments impacting the business
- Participate in or lead special projects furthering development and embedding of best practices or expanded legal knowledge

Contact information:

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