

Christine M. Hansen

Partner

Christine Hansen brings a depth of experience in intellectual property counseling, patent prosecution, patent landscape analysis, due diligence, and freedom-to-operate opinions to her clients in the life science and chemical industries. She oversees large pharmaceutical patent portfolios in the biotech and small molecule areas. Christine is highly experienced in using reissue, reexamination, and supplemental examination proceedings to craft the best results for her clients.

Christine has achieved successful outcomes for technology leaders by applying her in-depth understanding of science and the law. Clients appreciate her commitment to understanding their businesses and her creative solutions to their business needs. She developed a first-hand appreciation of the challenges global companies encounter from her years as legal patent counsel to European companies and working as in-house patent counsel at a French pharmaceutical company. Christine's varied and sophisticated legal experience enables her to develop highly effective legal strategies and novel approaches to obtain patents on pharmaceutical inventions that have high value to her clients.

Christine comes to her patent work through a strong love of science. Aspects of her chemistry research as an undergraduate at Princeton were published in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*. As a Fulbright Scholar, Christine studied chemistry in Germany under the renowned professor Dr. Manfred Reetz.

Representative Experience:

- Extensive work with innovator pharmaceutical companies handling Orange Book submissions, patent term extensions, and other issues at the intersection of patent and FDA law
- Design and implementation of a global patent strategy for a West Coast start-up biotech company
- Extensive work in the agriculture industry for technology leader on patent freedom-to-operate issues for genetically modified crops, plant gene vector technology, and on patenting of novel plant genes
- Drafting patent licensing agreements and joint research and development agreements, including agreements between universities or governmental entities and a private-sector partner
- Management of U.S. patent portfolios for blockbuster cardiovascular and hypertension drugs
- Oversaw due diligence for major acquisition of technology for recombinant production in yeast of industrial chemicals



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Legal Services

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Education and Honors

- University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1992)
- Universitaet Marburg (Fulbright Scholar, 1987)
- Princeton University (B.A., 1986)
 - Major: Chemistry

Bar Admissions

- Delaware
- Indiana

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Delaware
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Professional and Civic Activities

- S. Jay Plager Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, master
- American Bar Association, member
 - Section of Intellectual Property Law, Patent System Planning Committee, vice chair, 2021-present
- Indianapolis Bar Association, member
 - Intellectual Property Section
 - Women and the Law Division

Professional Recognition

- *Best Lawyers*® 2022 Indianapolis Patent Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Intellectual Property and Patent Law, 2019-present
- *IAM Patent 1000*, Best-in-class listing of patent prosecution, licensing and litigation practitioners, 2015, 2016, 2018
- *Lexology* Client Choice Award of Intellectual Property – Patents, Delaware, 2017
- *Patent Research Review*, Named a Top Patent Prosecutor, 2011