

## Jean C. Baker, Ph.D.

### Partner

Biochemist Jean Baker, Ph.D., focuses her practice on the drafting and prosecution of chemical, biochemical, and pharmaceutical patent applications and on patentability and infringement opinions — she has drafted and prosecuted portfolios of multiple patents involving biofilms, biofuels, blood chemistry, stem cell biology, chemotherapeutics, and use of micro-arrays. She was formerly the national chair of the firm's Intellectual Property Group as well as an adjunct professor of Patent Law at Marquette University, the co-chair of the Door County Intellectual Property Law Academy, and the chair of the State Bar Intellectual Property Section. Jean is a leader as much as a practitioner, who represents not only research institutions but any business engaged in the protection of nascent technology.

Jean has special expertise in the fields of transgenic micro-organisms, plants, and animals and recombinant DNA techniques, including production and use of modified proteins. She has drafted and prosecuted many patent applications drawn to nucleic acid assays and detection methods and to model systems for drug testing. She also has specific experience in transgenic organisms designed to optimize biofuel components.

Given her credentials, Jean is clearly fascinated with the development of biotechnology, and in fact she believes that now is an especially exciting time to be part of that field. Extraordinary developments are not only on the horizon but in the patent prosecution process, and Jean has positioned herself to be an invaluable resource to her clients in bringing such developments to market. She is both attorney and scientist, as well as academic, and loves to see new technologies developed into products that benefit everyone.

### Legal Services

- [Intellectual Property Strategic Counseling](#)
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- [Intellectual Property Litigation](#)
- [Patent Litigation](#)
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- [Financial Institutions Litigation](#)

### Education and Honors

- University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D., *with honors*, 1990)
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- University of Georgia (Ph.D., 1987)
  - Major: Biochemistry
- University of Georgia (B.S., 1979)
  - Major: Biochemistry

### **Bar Admissions**

- Wisconsin

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

### **Professional and Civic Activities**

- State Bar of Wisconsin, Intellectual Property Section (Board Member, 2000–present; Vice Chairman, 2002–2003; Chairman, 2003–2004)
- Wisconsin Intellectual Property Law Association (Secretary-Treasurer, 1995–1997; President, 1997–1998)
- Past Chairperson, Quarles' Intellectual Property Practice Group

### **Professional Recognition**

- Recognized as Best Lawyers® 2017 Milwaukee Patent Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- Recognized as Best Lawyers® 2012 Milwaukee Biotechnology Law "Lawyer of the Year"
- Named a Woman of Influence by the Milwaukee Business Journal (2011)
- Honored as one of 2010's Women in the Law by the Wisconsin Law Journal
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® (2005–present: Biotechnology Law / Patent Law)
- Listed in Chambers USA® (2006–present: Intellectual Property)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Peer Review Rated
- Selected for inclusion in the 2006–2008, 2011, 2018 Wisconsin Super Lawyers® lists (Intellectual Property)

### **Clients**

Although Jean has special expertise in biotechnology and related fields, her deep experience in IP law enables her to serve clients in many fields. However, the following types of clients can and do find her counsel indispensable:

**Research Institutions:** Drafting and prosecuting complex biotechnological, chemical, and microbiological patent applications; patentability assessment; and commercialization analysis.

**Biotech and Chemical Technology-Based Businesses:** Drafting and prosecuting complex biotechnological, chemical, and microbiological patent applications; patentability assessment; commercialization analysis; freedom-to-operate opinions; licensing; and strategic IP analysis.

### **Professional Service**

As part of her practice, Jean commits her time and talents to



Association of University Technology Managers is an organization devoted to promoting technology transfer between universities, colleges, private enterprise, or the government. Membership consists primarily of technology transfer professionals that work for universities. Jean is an active member and sits on the Women Inventors Committee, which discusses the challenges and barriers to more women becoming inventors and succeeding at it.

### **Publications and Presentations**

10/18/14

#### **"Patent Law Topics"**

*Society for Research Administrators 2014 International Meeting in San Diego, CA*

10/13/11

#### **"The America Invents Act: What Corporate Lawyers Need to Know About Changes to the Patent Law"**

*Quarles & Brady Business Law Training*

06/01/10

#### **"Keep the lid on patent prosecution costs"**

*Technology Transfer Tactics*

06/01/10

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