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Navigating the Shifting Currents of U.S. Biotech and Pharmaceutical Patent Law



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Steve Zelson is a counsel in the Intellectual Property, Patent and Trademark Litigation practice in the New York office. He has been practicing biotechnology and pharmaceutical patent law for more than thirty years. Throughout his career, Steve has advised clients in various aspects of intellectual property law including licensing, global patent portfolio management, strategic counseling and litigation management.

Prior to joining King & Spalding, Steve had established and managed patent departments within major, multinational pharmaceutical and start-up biotechnology companies, where he held a number of senior executive-level positions. He has also directly handled and managed many complex patent prosecutions in the United States Patent & Trademark Office and has supervised extensive global foreign filings, prosecution and proceedings. As the Chief U.S. Patent Counsel for a multinational pharmaceutical company, Steve successfully managed numerous federal patent litigations. He has also provided counsel with regard to scores of licensing transactions and related due diligence and has regularly provided risk analysis assessments, legal opinions and advice regarding pharmaceutical life cycle planning.

Steve's practice has encompassed a wide variety of products and technologies, including small molecule and biopharmaceutical therapeutics; endocrinology and diabetes related products such as insulin, growth hormone and other growth factors; immunology products; blood coagulation factors; recombinant protein expression processes and

systems; oncology, antibacterial and CNS chemo/bio-therapeutics; pharmaceutical delivery products and technologies; industrial enzymes; biological pesticides; animal health/vet med products; diagnostic assays and devices; medical devices; membrane reactor technology and cosmetics as well as data analytics, mobile devices and related software applications.

Credentials

ADMISSIONS

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

New York

ASSOCIATIONS

USPTO # 30,335 (admitted 6/12/1981)

Matters

- Represented and provided counsel to multinational corporations, start-up companies and academic institutions, both as an in-house counsel and outside counsel.
- Led a client through its successful defense against assertion of patents, relating to a recombinant growth factor, in the ITC and Federal Courts.
- Presently provides strategic intellectual property and transactional counseling to a biotechnology oriented research center at a major Danish University.
- Currently represents a private biotechnology company in transactional activities relating to its stem cell derived pharmaceutical products.

Insights

CLIENT ALERT

2016-05-11

Patentable Subject Matter in the Life Sciences: New USPTO Guidance Impacts Diagnostic Methods and Natural Products

Events

CONFERENCE

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10th Annual King & Spalding Pharmaceutical University