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Bonnie specializes in serving the life sciences industry in the preparation and prosecution of biotechnology and pharmaceutical patent applications, conducting diligence including noninfringement, invalidity and freedom to operate analyses, and representing clients in front of the PTAB in relation to reexaminations, IPRs and interferences. She concentrates on counseling clients, ranging from nonprofits to biotech companies of all sizes, with regard to developing and maintaining a patent strategy that is consistent with business goals.

Bonnie is a former patent examiner in the biotechnology group of the US Patent and Trademark Office. Her practice focuses on the biotechnology arts, including molecular biology, cellular biology, bacterial and eukaryotic genetics, immunology and autoimmunity, recombinant antigens and vaccines, gene therapy, genetic engineering, genomics, microarray technologies, virology, RNA interference, microRNA therapeutics, fusion proteins, peptide therapeutics and cancer immunotherapies.

Bonnie previously served on the pro bono committee for Cooley's Washington, DC office and is actively involved in various pro bono matters. She is a frequent speaker at universities and local life sciences organizations and has spoken on topics including developing a global patent strategy, the business side of intellectual property, joint inventorship issues and developing a patent portfolio that will attract investors. She is also an adjunct professor at Catholic University Columbus School of Law, where she teaches a patent prosecution course.

Bonnie co-authored "The 'Real World' Utility of miRNA Patents: Lessons Learned from Expressed Sequence Tags," which appeared in the February 2011 issue of Nature Biotechnology.

## Education

Columbus School of Law - The Catholic University of America  
JD, magna cum laude, 2001

University of Maryland, College Park  
PhD, Molecular Biology, 1994

University of Maryland, College Park  
BS, 1988

## Admissions & Credentials

District of Columbia

Registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

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## Memberships & Affiliations

American Bar Association (ABA)

American Intellectual Property Law Association