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Women Leaders

Building the Future of

IP Law

Our Diversity is Our Strength



Our clients value gender diversity and the positive impact it has on business outcomes, and as a majority female-owned intellectual property law firm, so do we.

Companies in the top quartile for gender diversity were more likely to outperform their competitors on profitability and value creation. And firms with the strongest records of promoting women boast significantly higher profits and return on assets. While the percentage of women in leadership roles has grown overall, challenges remain in the life sciences and legal fields, including in IP law.

Did You Know?

- Women make up only 18% of equity partners in law firms.
- In 100 Federal Circuit decisions in patent cases, only 15 out of 200 (7.5%) lead counsel were women.
- On average, only 12% of the attorneys listed as appearing in PTAB cases are women.

At Green Griffith, We Are Leading by Example

Green Griffith's majority female partnership and forward-thinking approach to the practice of patent litigation sets us apart from much larger firms in the IP field. We deliver a fresh and sought-after perspective on IP strategy to our clients.

With reputations as top-tier litigation strategists who think outside the box, our diverse group of litigators brings technical knowledge to their work — with advanced degrees in organic chemistry, chemical engineering and molecular biology — as well as an outstanding track record of success in the courtroom.



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Caryn combines the focused, technical thinking of a Ph.D. chemist with the strategic and competitive approach of a trial lawyer. A founding partner of Green, Griffith & Borg-Breen LLP, she is regarded by clients and colleagues alike as a key advisor who quickly synthesizes complex ideas and communicates them in a compelling, straightforward and persuasive way.

Caryn represents both plaintiffs and defendants in patent litigation and consultation arising under the Hatch-Waxman Act. She also advises biotechnology, chemical and pharmaceutical companies on freedom-to-operate, due diligence, licensing and prosecution issues regarding brand and generic medicines, biologics and biosimilars, medical devices and chemical products.



Caryn served as lead counsel defending PENNSAID in Hatch-Waxman litigation against a generic challenger, and in the subsequent Federal Circuit arguments.

In high school and college, Caryn was a competitive track and field athlete, and she plays violin and piano.

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Wendy's deep experience in both procuring intellectual property and litigating a range of complex issues brings a rare combination of strengths to her practice. She focuses on patent litigation and counseling related to pharmaceutical, veterinary, biotech and chemical products, and advises clients through all project stages from pre-initiation evaluation of product candidates through implementation of both patent challenge and defense strategies at trial and appeal.

Wendy's approach to client service stems from her former position as senior director of intellectual property at a generic pharmaceutical company. Working hand-in-hand with senior executives in business development, product development and regulatory compliance gave her valuable insight that allows her to anticipate her clients' needs and provide focused, efficient service.

In 2015, Wendy argued successfully on behalf of a pro bono client before the U.S. Supreme Court, setting a new standard in civil rights cases involving pre-trial detainees.

Wendy participates in Olympic weightlifting and holds the Wisconsin Masters state record in her age group and weight class.

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Working in a world-renowned research lab taught Jessica the challenges researchers face when developing novel biotech products; working for the U.S. District Court gave her a real-world taste of the issues patent holders and defendants face in the courtroom. As a partner at Green, Griffith & Borg-Breen LLP, she applies these insights to guide clients to the best possible strategies for protecting their intellectual property and growing their businesses.

Jessica represents plaintiffs and defendants in all facets of patent litigation and consultation arising under the Hatch-Waxman Act, from initial opinions through trial and appeal. She also advises clients on freedom-to-operate, due diligence, trademark and trade dress issues, and has represented patentees before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board in *inter partes* review (IPR) proceedings.

Before law school, Jessica worked for Argonne National Laboratory, where she was responsible for synthesizing clays that were to be used in oil purification processes.

Jessica loves to travel, and has visited more than 30 countries.

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For Ann, intellectual property law is the perfect marriage of science, research and strategy — a combination that allows the entire team at Green, Griffith & Borg-Breen LLP to use a deep-dive approach when offering clients advice and counsel.

Ann focuses her practice on patent litigation relating to pharmaceutical, chemical and biochemical products and has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in shaping and executing successful litigation strategies. Ann is proficient in many aspects of patent litigation, including initial opinions and pre-suit investigation, fact and expert discovery, motion practice, depositions and completion of trial.

Ann was an analytical chemistry research intern at Pfizer Global Research and Development before law school.

Ann is an avid runner and has run the Chicago Marathon seven times.

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An industry scientist and judicial clerk before entering private practice, Olga has seen IP law from multiple perspectives.

Olga first became interested in intellectual property law while conducting research in the pharmaceutical industry; the dynamic nature of the field soon became a passion. It's a passion she translates into winning outcomes for Green, Griffith & Borg-Breen LLC.

Olga focuses her practice on patent litigation relating to chemical, pharmaceutical and biotechnology products. Olga has worked with clients to develop pre-litigation and litigation strategies concerning patent infringement and validity. She also has experience in due diligence, patent prosecution and arbitration. Prior to joining Green Griffith, Olga was an associate at a large international law firm.

Olga is a classical music lover who sings in the Chicago Bar Association Chorus and has performed with the group at Symphony Center.

About Green Griffith

As a preeminent boutique IP law firm, Green Griffith focuses on pharmaceuticals, chemistry and biotechnology — and specializes in litigation. Our attorneys share decades of experience partnering with both brand and generic companies to navigate the most complex IP and related FDA issues, including the Hatch-Waxman Act.

Our services include:

- Patent Litigation
- Hatch-Waxman Litigation
- *Inter Partes* Reviews (IPRs); Post Grant Reviews
- Opinions
- Due Diligence
- IP Portfolio Development and Management
- Acquisitions
- Licensing
- Client Counseling

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