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Erin Sommers, Ph.D., helps clients protect their valuable IP rights at every stage—from strategic counseling and procuring patents before the USPTO to representing clients in contentious proceedings before the PTAB and U.S. federal courts.

Erin focuses her practice on Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) litigation, post-grant proceedings, and counseling, primarily in the chemical and pharmaceutical areas. Her litigation experience ranges from pre-litigation analyses through trial at the district court and on to appeals before the Federal Circuit. Erin also routinely represents both patentees and petitioners in post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). And in her prosecution practice, she assists clients with global management of their patent portfolios and has successfully argued on their behalf before PTAB in *ex parte* appeals.

Before joining Finnegan, Erin studied organic chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, where she developed organic synthetic methods for preparing substituted alkenes and allenes. Her background includes research in the areas of catalysis, organo-metallic synthesis, biochemistry, and cellular and molecular physiology.

Experience

Arkema Inc. v. Honeywell International Inc.

Represented Arkema in PGR relating to HFO-1234yf refrigerants.

PGR2016-00011, -00012, PTAB, Judges Ankenbrand, Obermann, Sawert, Tierney

Insights

WEBINAR

Preparing for U.S. Litigation and Discovery

Webinar Series: Strategies for IP Prosecution and Enforcement in Europe and the United States

September 26, 2018

LECTURE

IP Day Seminar

May 31, 2018

CONFERENCE

American Chemical Society National Meeting

March 18-22, 2018

ARTICLES

Client-Attorney Privilege in the U.S.

December 1, 2017

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Double Patenting in the U.S.

December 2017

IP FDA BLOG

CAFC Affirms Topical Solution Not Obvious in *Insite v Sandoz*

November 1, 2017

Upcoming Events

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News

MEDIA MENTION

USPTO Rule on Agent-Client Privilege Helps, but Gaps Persist

November 9, 2017

MEDIA MENTION

Life Science Strategies in the U.S.

July 6, 2017

PRESS RELEASE

Finnegan Announces Eleven New Partners

January 3, 2017

MEDIA MENTION

At Finnegan, a Generous Tuition Reimbursement Program

April 21, 2013

Professional Activities

- American Chemical Society
- Association for Women in Science

Admissions

District of Columbia
Massachusetts
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal
Circuit
U.S. Patent and Trademark
Office

Education

**Georgetown University Law
Center**
J.D., 2011

University of Pennsylvania
Ph.D., Organic Chemistry, 2006

Wake Forest University
B.S., Chemistry, *magna cum
laude*, 2001

Languages

German

Erin's Practices

Patent Litigation
 Abbreviated New Drug
 Application (ANDA) Litigation
 Appeals
Patent Office Examinations
 Prosecution
Patent Office Trials
 IPR, PGR, and CBM

Erin's Industries

Biologics and Biosimilars
Chemical
Clean Energy and Renewables
Consumer Products
Pharmaceutical