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Professional Overview

Nick Sherbina assists clients in developing and protecting their intellectual property assets as well as navigating and mitigating potential risks, working closely with clients to devise and implement robust, practical IP protection strategies in the face of an ever-evolving IP legal landscape.

Nick focuses his practice on patent prosecution and IP counseling on patent, trade secret, and licensing matters. He specializes in various life science technologies, particularly the biotechnology and pharmaceutical arts, including diverse diagnostic and therapeutic areas such as oncology, immunology, infectious disease, molecular diagnostics, gene therapy, and protein therapeutics. His practice includes counseling and opinion work on issues relating to patentability, freedom-to-operate, patent validity, and infringement.

Nick brings over 20 years of patent law experience and ten years of scientific experience to his practice. Prior to entering law school, Nick worked as a scientist and researcher at several leading U.S. research institutions. He started his legal career as an associate for five years, before going in-house to work as a senior patent attorney for biotechnology company ZymoGenetics and then as IP counsel for Emergent BioSolutions. Prior to joining COJK, Nick owned and operated his own firm, serving corporate clients in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry. He has a J.D. from Seattle University School of Law, a Bachelor of Science in biology from the College of William and Mary, and two years of graduate studies in molecular and cellular biology at the University of Washington.

Education

- J.D., *summa cum laude*, Seattle University School of Law, 2002
- Graduate Studies, Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Washington, 1991 – 1993
- B.S., Biology, College of William and Mary, 1987

Professional Experience



- Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness^{PLLC}
Seattle, WA, 2023 – present
- Sherbina Intellectual Property Law, PLLC
Everett, WA, 2011 and 2012 – 2023
- Emergent BioSolutions, LLC
Seattle, WA, 2011 – 2012
- ZymoGenetics, Inc.
Seattle, WA, 2007 – 2011
- Townsend and Townsend and Crew, LLP
Seattle, WA, 2002 – 2007
Summer Associate/Law Clerk, 2001 – 2002

Technical Experience

- Associate Research Scientist II, Immunology
Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Research Institute, 1997 – 1999
- Scientist, Inflammation
Cell Therapeutics, Inc., 1996 – 1997
- Associate Research Scientist I, Autoimmunity/Transplantation Department
Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Research Institute, 1994 – 1996
- Research Technologist II, Cell Biology
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, 1993 – 1994
- Pre-doctoral Research Associate, Molecular and Cellular Biology Program
University of Washington, 1991 – 1993
- Research Technologist I, Zoology Department
University of Washington, 1990 – 1991

Bar & Court Admissions

- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- Washington State Bar

Professional Affiliations



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- Washington State Patent Law Association