

## TECHNICAL AND LITIGATION EXPERTISE

Sutherland's intellectual property practice provides a full range of services to companies needing intellectual property services, both domestically and internationally. We assist clients with patent prosecution, validity analysis, litigation and counseling; freedom to practice opinions and patent infringement strategic counseling; technology transfer, licensing and other cooperative commercialization agreements; trade secret and technology counseling and litigation; trademark and copyright prosecution, litigation and counseling; due diligence reviews in connection with mergers and acquisitions; and intellectual property audits and evaluations. We also offer additional non-intellectual property services to our clients, such as corporate, tax and FDA consulting.

Sutherland's Intellectual Property Group has approximately 35 full-time IP attorneys, whose annotated biographies are represented below. Many of the IP attorneys have advanced technical degrees and relevant industry experience including:

- Three (3) Biological Science Degrees;
- Eleven (11) Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Degrees;
- Eleven (11) Electrical, Computer, and Mechanical Engineering Degrees;
- Ten (10) Masters Degrees;
- Five (5) Ph.D. Degrees;
- One (1) Medical Doctorate Degree; and
- More than 20 U.S. Patent Bar Members.

Our IP Group also works closely with other groups in the firm including:

- Litigation: 125 attorneys, many of whom also have experience in antitrust, false advertising, franchising and technology disputes;
- Business Practices: 150 attorneys, many of whom have experience advising on public and private financing, due diligence, licensing and other matters; and
- Tax Practice: 88 attorneys, many of whom have particular experience with IP donations and tax-exempt research center issues.

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- Serves as counsel in transnational arbitration matters
- Former biochemist conducting research financed by the Mesoamerican Institute
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- Former editor-in-chief of the *SciTech Lawyer*, a publication of the Science and Technology Section of the American Bar Association
- Held numerous positions within the American Bar Association
- Established the "crime fraud" exception to the attorney-client privilege in connection with an antitrust claim that arose from a failed patent case against a client
- Author on expert evidence and legal and ethical issues in genetic and tissue engineering
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