



## Janice A. Vatland PhD

### Shareholder

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Janice Vatland focuses her practice in strategic patent portfolio development and management in the areas of biotechnology and pharmaceuticals. With over 10 years of experience, she has worked with a number of clients to tailor their patent protection based on business objectives and competitor activities. She counsels clients of all sizes, including universities, startups, and smaller and mid-sized companies.

Janice also has experience in European opposition, reissue, and reexamination proceedings; applying for Patent Term Extensions and Supplementary Protection Certificates; requesting reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment; and biosimilar/biobetter issues. She has obtained patent protection for a wide range of technologies including antibody, transgenic, and sequencing technologies; particle and biologic-based delivery systems; immune modulating therapeutics; and new medical uses and formulations of known compositions.

Janice performed her doctoral work under the supervision of Professor William Thilly at MIT. Her doctoral work focused on long-term, low-dose cell culture experiments to determine the mutagenicity of compounds found in cigarette smoke. Her research experience extended to quantitative and statistical modeling of age-specific cancer mortality rates in the US. Janice also previously worked as a Senior Specialist with ENSR, an environmental consulting firm, where she performed fate and transport analyses, and as a Civil Engineering Intern with the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Janice's thesis work was the subject of a number of newspaper and magazine articles, including articles in the *Boston Globe* and *Self* magazine. She serves as Chair of the firm's PTO Practice Committee and is also the voice of the Wolf Greenfield phone system.

### Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, BS, Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology, PhD, Toxicology and Epidemiology

Suffolk University Law School, JD, *cum laude*

### Practice Groups

#### Biotechnology

Pharmaceutical

Post-Grant Proceedings

**Client testimonial:**

"Janice is very conscientious and responsive."

**Client testimonial:**

"The reason that things go well is because of Janice. She is good at making me feel as if I am her only client. She's willing to work very hard to make sure our needs get met with a high quality."

**Client testimonial:**

"We had some filings due in August, and Janice made it happen while she was away on vacation. That's not something I like to do and don't regularly, but it was critical to our business, so she found a way to balance getting things done for us and spending time with her family."

## Experience

- Obtained dominating patents for an oncology company in a crowded area of antibody technology.
- Helped track and evaluate competitor positions and assisted with successful EPO oppositions.
- Worked with a start-up to understand freedom-to-operate position and devise patent strategy leading to successful round of financing.
- Assisted an early stage biotech company in building a patent portfolio that has been licensed by a multinational pharmaceutical company in a deal worth as much as \$900 million.
- Directed the patent prosecution worldwide for a targeted cancer treatment, including a successful appeal in Japan.
- Conducted clearance analyses in connection with client's contemplated vaccine marketing.
- Assisted with obtaining a Patent Term Extension for a biologic.

## Activities

- American Bar Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Art Technology New England
- BioForward

- Boston Patent Law Association - 2010 selection committee member for the BPLA/ Museum of Science *Invented Here!* Competition

## Recognition

Janice is a member of the Martin Fellows Society. She has been repeatedly named one of *Massachusetts Super Lawyers' "Rising Stars"* in the field of intellectual property law as well as The Top 100 Women Attorney in Massachusetts.