

Patent & Regulatory Diligence Representative Therapeutic Areas

MULTIPLE ASSET ACQUISITIONS

- acquisition of portfolio of hormone & prostaglandin products in connection with patent settlement.
- evaluated pharma business of large multi-national corp. (involved 13 compounds, both marketed & developmental).
- evaluated portfolio of antibiotic products.

CARDIOVASCULAR

- HYPERTENSION**
 - endothelin receptor antagonist for large pharma co.
- ANGINA**
 - acquisition of chronic angina product for large pharma co.
- CHOLESTEROL CONTROL**
 - auction bidding acquisition of cholesterol lowering products for large pharma co.
- CARDIAC NUCLEAR STRESS TEST**
 - cardiac nuclear stress test agent for large pharma co.

ONCOLOGY

- BIOMARKER PLATFORMS/DIAGNOSTICS**
 - gene signature platform in evaluation of collaboration opportunity for mid-size biotech co.
 - companion diagnostic approved for use with an approved small molecule tyrosine kinase inhibitor
- ANTIBODY DRUG CONJUGATES**
 - next-gen toxins for large pharma co.
- SMALL MOLECULES**
 - numerous products/product candidates for mid-size biotech co.
 - prostate cancer agent for large pharma co.
 - lung/pancreatic cancer agent for mid-size biotech co.

DERMATOLOGY

- PSORIASIS**
 - acquisition of psoriasis product for mid-size pharma co.
- ACTINIC KERATOSIS**
 - topical product for mid-size pharma co.

OPHTHALMOLOGY

- DRUG DELIVERY**
 - Evaluated multiple sustained release delivery platforms for small biotech co.
- CELL THERAPY**
 - hUTC therapy & delivery device for small biotech co.
- OLIGONUCLEOTIDES**
 - oligonucleotide platform/product portfolio for multi-target deal for small biotech co.
- BIOLOGICS/BIOSIMILARS**
 - biosimilars for small biotech co. for multi-billion dollar product opportunity

REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

- hepatocyte growth factor product
- series of growth factor-enhanced orthopedic products
- regenerative medicine skin product
- biologic wound healing products
- vascular regenerative medicine products

HORMONE THERAPY

- TESTOSTERONE REPLACEMENT**
 - product opportunity for mid-size specialty pharma co.

UROLOGY

- OVERACTIVE BLADDER**
 - overactive bladder agent for large pharma co.

DRUG DELIVERY

- INHALATION**
 - potential platform/product opportunity in inhalation field
- SUPERCritical FLUID PROCESSING**
 - SCF manufacturing platform & product portfolio for delivery co.
- MICRO/NANO PARTICLES**
 - multiple platforms for delivery co.

REGULATORY DUE DILIGENCE

- confirm orphan exclusivity for acquisition target
- confirm ownership of regulatory assets & availability of exclusivity for developmental product
- evaluations of complex bioequivalence

IP DUE DILIGENCE

I. FTO Assessment

II. Assess Product Exclusivity

A. Patent

1. Review current patent portfolio to evaluate coverage of all aspects of the proposed product
2. Identify patents to list in Orange Book
3. Identify claims to product and use and verify that language aligns with language of proposed product label
4. Compare language of proposed use codes with proposed product label
5. Consider ongoing prosecution of pending applications and opportunities for additional protection
6. Patent Term Extension analysis

B. Regulatory

1. Identify relevant regulatory data protections and terms
2. Research bioequivalence and sameness requirements for generic/biosimilar approval as appropriate

C. Validity Analysis

1. Prior art analysis
2. Review U.S. prosecution histories and identify any issues
3. Consider relevant, available foreign prosecution
4. Consider effective filing date and priority for relevant claims
5. Assess written description and indefiniteness issues
6. Assess §101 patent eligible subject matter issues

D. Ownership Analysis

1. Review license, acquisition, employee IP assignment agreements
2. Review assignment information at PTO

PRE-LITIGATION INVESTIGATION

I. Phase I – Tasks Based on Readily Available and Publicly Available Documents

A. Infringement Analysis

1. Review Orange Book/Purple Book listed patents
2. Consider potential unlisted patents
3. Consider likely claim constructions
4. Identify claims to approved product and use and verify language aligns with language in product label
5. Compare language of use codes with product label

B. Validity Analysis

1. Prior art analysis
 - a. Review cited prior art and determine need for additional searching
 - b. Preliminary consideration of inventor publications
 - c. Consider response to potential anticipation or obviousness arguments
2. Review U.S. prosecution histories and identify any issues
3. Consider relevant, available foreign prosecution
4. Consider effective filing date and priority for relevant claims
5. Analyze obviousness-type double patenting issue
6. Consider inventorship on relevant patents
7. Develop invention story/objective indicia of nonobviousness story

C. Co-Pendency Analysis

D. Ownership Analysis

1. Review license agreements
2. Identify litigation control and cost issues
3. Review assignment information at PTO
4. Evaluate proper plaintiff for patent enforcement

E. Consider ongoing patent prosecution of pending applications and opportunities for additional protection

F. Document retention analysis and identification of hold strategy for relevant parties

G. Regulatory

1. Assist with regulatory filings for protection (e.g., patent term extension (PTE))

II. Phase II – Tasks Requiring Document Searching, Identification and Interviewing of Witnesses

A. Locate and Review key documents (e.g. support for working examples or declaration, inventor publications, product literature, regulatory filings, lab notebooks)

1. Consider underlying scientific data and verify accuracy of description in examples, declaration, publications, product literature, regulatory filings

B. Further develop scientific arguments made during prosecution

C. Identify and interview key witnesses; establish relationships with 3rd party fact witnesses (e.g., inventors) and retain expert witnesses

D. Coordinate with prosecution counsel

E. Develop story of the invention

F. Review marketing activities

G. Preliminary discovery review (e.g., electronic systems, archives, privilege, relevancy, business sensitivity issues)



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Andrew has a broad range of experience in both the brand and generic side of pharmaceuticals, especially with respect to issues involving intellectual property law and regulatory law. Having grown up with a father who is a patent lawyer, Mr. Wasson has been involved in patents in one way or another for the better part of his life and has the advantage of being able to deal with complex patent law concepts in a very natural way. Mr. Wasson is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and has published extensively in both scientific and legal literature. Mr. Wasson also serves on the Editorial Advisory Board for FDLI's Update Magazine.



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