



THOMAS A. SHEWMAKE

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

BACKGROUND

Tom focuses his practice on intellectual property enforcement, defense and litigation matters. His experience includes patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret cases spanning a wide range of industries and technologies. He received a B.S. degree in Bioengineering from the University of California–Berkeley in 2003 and an M.S. degree in Bioengineering from Arizona State University in 2008. Tom was awarded his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in 2011.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Listed in “Ones to Watch” - *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2021
- Selected to *Washington Rising Stars*®, 2018-2020

EXPERIENCE

Tom has represented clients in adversarial matters in federal trial and appellate courts across the country, as well as in proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. His experience also includes U.S. and foreign patent prosecution, trademark clearance and registration, intellectual property opinions and advising clients on intellectual property licensing and other agreements. Tom has worked on matters in a variety of fields, including biotechnology, consumer products and services, medical devices, software and internet, and pharmaceuticals.

Before joining Seed IP, Tom worked as an associate attorney at a multi-practice firm in Seattle and at an IP firm in Tucson, Arizona. He also served as a law clerk for the Honorable James A. Teilborg, United States District Court for the District of Arizona.

As a graduate engineering student, Tom’s research focused on using computer modeling to investigate and design more effective molecular constructs for targeting cancer cells for drug delivery and other therapeutic and diagnostic applications.

AFFILIATIONS

Tom is admitted to the Washington and Arizona State Bars, and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He is also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Washington, the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Tom is a member of the Washington State Patent Law Association (WSPLA) and Life Science Washington (formerly Washington Biotechnology and Biomedical Association).

EDUCATION

University of Arizona –
James E. Rogers College of Law
J.D. (*cum laude*) 2011

Arizona State University
Bioengineering
M.S. 2008

University of California –
Berkeley
Bioengineering
B.S. 2003

INDUSTRY GROUPS

Consumer Products & Service
Medical Devices
Pharmaceuticals
Software and Internet

SERVICES

Copyright
Patent
Trademark
IP Litigation & Enforcement
Trade Secrets

BAR ADMISSIONS

Arizona
Washington
United States Patent
and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the
District of Arizona
U.S. District Court for the
Eastern & Western Districts
of Washington

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PUBLICATIONS

Shewmake, T.A., Solis, F.J., Gillies, R.J., Caplan, M.R. Effects of Linker Length and Flexibility on Multivalent Targeting, *Biomacromolecules* 9(11): 3057–3064, 2008.