



John A. Morgan

PARTNER

EDUCATION

Seattle University
School of Law
J.D. (summa cum laude) 2014

University of Puget Sound
Biology
B.S. 2006

INDUSTRIES

Biotechnology
Pharmaceuticals

PRACTICES

Patent
Strategic Counseling

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington
United States Patent
and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the
Western District of
Washington

BACKGROUND

John Morgan's practice is focused on biotechnology patent prosecution, freedom-to-operate analysis, and due diligence. He has additional experience in the chemical and mechanical arts. He received his J.D. *summa cum laude* from Seattle University School of Law (2014) and his B.S. from the University of Puget Sound (2006). Prior to attending law school, John worked as a researcher at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, where he studied cell signaling and neural tissue patterning in the developing vertebrate brain. John's scientific experience also includes investigating cell growth genes in a fruit fly model.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, 2022-2024
- Selected to *Washington Rising Stars*®, 2020-2023
- Seed IP Law Group Founder's Scholarship, 2014
- Highest Marks in Torts, Legal Writing, and Biotechnology Law, 2011-2014
- Washington State Bar Association Intellectual Property Law Scholarship, 2013

EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining Seed IP Law Group, John practiced intellectual property law with another Seattle-area firm, where he prosecuted patents in the biotechnology, medical device, and mechanical fields. He was also involved in a variety of litigation matters, including as a named author of an *amicus curiae* brief submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Biotechnology Industry Organization in *Commil USA, LLC v. Cisco Systems, Inc.* (2015).

During law school, John gained patent prosecution experience working at the University of Washington, at Seattle BioMed (now CIDR), and with a Seattle-area patent attorney. His background in academic research led him to coauthor a paper examining the impact of the America Invents Act (AIA) on non-profit global health research.

AFFILIATIONS

John is admitted to the Washington State Bar and is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. He is a member of the Washington Patent Law Association (WSPLA) and Life Science Washington (formerly Washington Biotechnology and Biomedical Association).

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PUBLICATIONS

Walsh GS, Grant PK, Morgan JA, Moens CB. Planar polarity pathway and Nance-Horan syndrome-like 1b have essential cell-autonomous functions in neuronal migration. *Development*. 2011; 138:3033–3042.

Morgan, J. and Sandoval, V. "Pacific Northwest Perspective: The Impact of the America Invents Act on Nonprofit Global Health Organizations", 9 *Wash. J. L. Tech. & Arts* 177 (2014).