



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 Procurement
Strategic Counseling
Due Diligence
IP Agreements & Licensing
Trade Secrets

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington
United States Patent
and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

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

BACKGROUND

Passionate about the confluence of science, business, and law, John has supported through his patent practice innovations for cancer and a variety of other diseases (infectious, neurodegenerative, lysosomal storage, autoimmune, genetic), as well as cellular agriculture. His passion for science stems from his time as a researcher at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle, where he studied cell signaling and tissue patterning in the developing vertebrate brain, as well as cell growth genes in an invertebrate model. John appreciates supporting his clients' efforts to improve human health and sustainable practices. He also has experience in the chemical and mechanical arts.

John received his J.D. summa cum laude from Seattle University School of Law (2014) and his B.S. from the University of Puget Sound.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, 2022-2025
- Selected to *Washington Rising Stars*®, 2019-2024

EXPERIENCE

John advises biotechnology companies, investors, and research institutions on intellectual property matters for a variety of complex technologies, including therapeutic antibodies and fusion proteins, cell and gene therapies, vaccines, antisense therapies, engineered microorganisms, biologics manufacturing, and diagnostics.

In his practice, John aligns intellectual property strategies with his clients' business and technology objectives. John's natural curiosity, attention to detail, and creativity are applied to patent counseling, prosecution, landscape and freedom-to-operate analysis, and due diligence. His clients include companies (from early stages through clinical trials and approval), investors, would-be-collaborators, and investment targets, licensors, and licensees.

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).