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Vanessa Yen is a partner and trial lawyer in the Intellectual Property, Patent, Trademark and Copyright Litigation group. She focuses her practice on complex, high-stakes patent litigations, and intellectual property transactions, counseling, and disputes. Vanessa has never lost a trial on behalf of her clients. Considered one of the “world’s leading patent professionals” with “exceptional skill sets and profound insights into patent matters” while “maintaining clear strategic vision,” Vanessa was recognized as such by IAM Patent 1000.

As an MIT graduate, Vanessa is focused on handling intellectual property patent matters for clients in the technology, life sciences, pharma, and chemical industries. Vanessa’s representative clients and matters includes work done for companies from around the world, such as: GlaxoSmithKline, GW Pharma, Alexion, Bristol Myers Squibb, Galderma, Sword Health, Sunovion, Shire LLC, Supernus, AstraZeneca, Gilead, UCB, Celltech, Eisai, Canon and Novartis.

Experienced with bench and jury patent trials before U.S. district courts, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the PTAB, Vanessa has deep litigation experience handling pharmaceutical and biologics/biosimilars patent litigations, including for blockbuster products with multi-billion dollar sales. She has handled IP matters concerning various technologies, including products and treatments for cancer, HIV/AIDS, skin care and dermatology, femtech, prostate disorders, genetic vector technology and molecular cloning, musculoskeletal disorders, autoimmune and neurological disorders.

Named as one of the Top Women Attorneys in New York metro and a Top Rated Intellectual Property Litigation Attorney, Vanessa provides her clients with an array of IP services beyond patent litigation, including licensing and due diligence advice, strategic assessment of IP assets and IP portfolios for potential mergers & acquisitions, freedom to operate opinions, and others.

Vanessa has handled one of the Top Litigations and Disputes of 2019 (recognized by Financial Times) and achieved a patent litigation victory that was named Hatch Waxman Impact Case of the Year (recognized by LMG Life Sciences). She was also part of the team that obtained the first IPR victory for an Orange Book-listed patent dispute that was involved in parallel Federal district court litigation.

Committed to diversity and inclusion, Vanessa co-leads K&S's Asian Affinity Group, and is an

Prior to law, Vanessa spent years conducting breast cancer research and genetics/genomic research while at MIT. She also worked at a top U.S. strategic management consulting firm.

Matters

Alexion Pharmaceuticals in several patent litigation disputes before the PTAB involving Soliris®, a multi-billion dollar biologic product

Bristol Myers Squibb in connection with a patent litigation involving CAR-T related biotech for cancer immunotherapy; in connection with patent litigation dispute matters for BMS's other cancer therapies

Galderma in a patent litigation and IPRs involving Oracea®, a product for rosacea with over a billion dollars in sales

GW Pharma / Jazz Pharma in a complex and international litigation and arbitration contract dispute concerning patent disputes involving Epidiolex®, a cannabidiol for Dravet and LGS

Sword Health in a patent litigation involving digital musculoskeletal therapy

Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc. in a patent litigation involving Brovana®, a chronic obstructive pulmonary disease drug product

Shire LLC and Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in a patent litigation involving Intuniv®, a treatment for ADHD

Eisai Co., Ltd. in a patent litigation involving Banzel®, an antiepileptic drug product

AstraZeneca in a patent litigation involving Seroquel®, an antipsychotic drug product

Gilead Sciences in a patent litigation involving Truvada®, an anti-HIV-1 drug product

Novartis Pharmaceuticals in a patent litigation involving Trileptal®, a product for the treatment of partial seizures

UCB and Celltech Pharmaceuticals in a patent litigation involving Metadate CD®, an ADHD drug product

Credentials

EDUCATION

J.D., Cornell University

B.S., Massachusetts Institute of Technology

ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

New Jersey

New York

ASSOCIATIONS

New York Intellectual Property Law Association

National Association of Women Lawyers

ChIPs

AALDEF
AABANY
GAPABA

LANGUAGES

Cantonese Hong Kong
Mandarin Chinese

Recognition

Top 100 Women Leaders of New York

WOMEN WE ADMIRE, 2022

U.S. Rising Star in Intellectual Property

LMG LIFE SCIENCES, 2021

World's Leading Patent Professionals: Top Patent Professional

IAM PATENTS 1000, 2019-2021

Top Litigations and Disputes of 2019

FINANCIAL TIMES, 2019

Top Women Attorney in New York Metro

SUPER LAWYERS, 2014-2018

Top Rated Intellectual Property Litigation Attorney

SUPER LAWYERS, 2014-2019

Hatch Waxman Impact Case of the Year

LMG LIFE SCIENCES 2019

“Rising Star” in Intellectual Property Litigation

SUPER LAWYERS, 2014-2019

Insights

ARTICLE

September 1, 2021 • Source: Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal

“Purple Book” Patent Listing Under Biological Product Patent Transparency Act: What Is Required, and What to Expect?

CLIENT ALERT

Purple Book Patent Listing Under Biological Product Patent Transparency Act. What is Required, and What to Expect?

February 12, 2021

GSK v. Teva and Induced Infringement by AB-Rated Generics: Where are we now?

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

April 26, 2022

Vanessa Yen to Speak at American Conference Institute's 17th Annual Paragraph IV Conference

April 27, 2021

Vanessa Yen, Evan Diamond, Gerald Flattmann to Speak at American Conference Institute's 2021 Paragraph IV Disputes Master Symposium

WEBINAR

November 9, 2021

King & Spalding Pharmaceutical University 2021

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News

IN THE NEWS

July 18, 2022 • Source: Law360

Vanessa Yen and Evan Diamond represent cancer research institutions in U.S. Supreme Court amicus briefing on closely-watched patent issues

July 1, 2022 • Source: Law360

Steven Zager, Gerald Flattmann, Vanessa Yen and Evan Diamond counsel GW Pharmaceuticals before the Federal Circuit in a patent infringement dispute

RECOGNITION

September 23, 2021

LMG Life Sciences Names King & Spalding its Government Investigations Firm of the Year, Honors Partner Vanessa Yen as an Intellectual Property Rising Star

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