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For clients producing biotech advancements in biologics and vaccines, Eric M. Brusca, Ph.D. secures patents internationally through prosecution and related proceedings. Clients rely on his legal experience from handling a wide variety of these technologies. They also gain sure and insightful assessments of their patentable products and processes, all rooted in his graduate training and research in microbiology, biochemistry and molecular biology. A teacher as well, he communicates effectively with his clients and successfully represents their interests.

He was selected for inclusion in the 2014 and 2015 *Illinois Rising Stars*® lists, featuring outstanding young attorneys in the state. Dr. Brusca was designated as an "Emerging Lawyer" in the January 2015 inaugural edition of *Emerging Lawyers Magazine*, in which individuals are recognized among the top up-and-coming attorneys in Illinois who are under 40 or have been practicing less than 10 years.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Patent Prosecution
- Post-Grant Patent Proceedings

INDUSTRIES

- Biotechnology
- Materials Science
- Nanotechnology
- Non-Profit Technology Transfer
- Pharmaceutical

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Secured patents worldwide for clinical-stage immunotherapy company covering vaccine adjuvants and therapeutic viral vectors.
- Successfully secured U.S. and foreign patents covering HPV vaccines, with an estimated market worth exceeding \$3 billion annually.

- Counseled, prepared, and prosecuted dozens of patent applications for clients working with recombinant DNA, protein and antibody technologies. Clients ranged from public and private universities and non-profit research institutions to “big pharma” companies worldwide.
- Secured patents for industry-leading biotechnology companies covering recombinant blood clotting factors and recombinant growth factors.

Dr. Brusca has handled matters in a wide variety of biotechnology disciplines, such as:

- Vaccine development technology
- Recombinant DNA
- Protein and antibody technology
- Gene therapy
- Growth factors

BACKGROUND AND CREDENTIALS

Dr. Brusca has extensively assisted his biotech clients with domestic and foreign patent prosecution, U.S. post-grant proceedings and foreign opposition proceedings, and non-infringement/validity opinions.

He received his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School and has matched his legal experience with his mastery of various technologies. Prior to joining the firm, Dr. Brusca researched RNA-protein interactions and catalytic RNA molecules in the Department of Chemistry at Loyola University Chicago. He received his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Loyola University Chicago in 2001. Throughout his graduate studies, Dr. Brusca specialized in research topics pertaining to biochemistry, molecular biology and microbiology. He holds a M.S. in Microbiology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

EDUCATION

- The John Marshall Law School J.D.
- Loyola University Chicago Ph.D., Chemistry
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign M.S., Microbiology
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign B.S., Microbiology

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

September 2, 2014

"IP due diligence: Important questions to address before pulling the trigger on a transaction"

InsideCounsel

August 5, 2014

"Do your duty — disclose information to the USPTO during prosecution"

InsideCounsel

July 8, 2014

"Expediting patent application examination at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office"

InsideCounsel

April 1, 2014

"Would you know an inventor when you see one?"

InsideCounsel

March 4, 2014

"IP: Keeping your company's information confidential in today's world of due diligence"

InsideCounsel

February 4, 2014

"IP: These claims are not obvious, just ask my expert!"

InsideCounsel

January 7, 2014

"IP: Third party pre-issuance submissions"

InsideCounsel

December 3, 2013

"IP: How reissue patents may help you sleep at night"

InsideCounsel

November 5, 2013

"IP: Mr. (Patent Attorney) Smith Goes to Washington – Successful patent examiner interviews"

InsideCounsel

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM)
- Illini Biotechnology Organization
- BIO (Biotechnology Industry Organization)