



## Eric M. Brusca, Ph.D.

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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 2014-2016 *Illinois Rising Stars*® lists, featuring outstanding young attorneys in the state. Dr. Brusca was designated as an "Emerging Lawyer" in the 2015-2016 editions 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)