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John Labbé is an accomplished trial lawyer and patent attorney with a focus on representing life sciences clients in intellectual property litigation. His experience includes cases under the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act (BPCIA) and the Hatch-Waxman Act.

Serving as first-chair trial counsel, Mr. Labbé won a \$70 million verdict in 2017 on behalf of Amgen in *Amgen v. Hospira*, the first patent-infringement jury trial about a biosimilar under the BPCIA. *LMG Life Sciences* recognized the case as a Patent Impact Case of the Year for 2017. Mr. Labbé's experience also includes a trial victory in a patent ownership suit regarding DNA sequencing inventions.

Mr. Labbé has been recognized as a leader in his field. In 2018, he was recognized as the "General Patent Litigator of the Year – Illinois" at the sixth annual *LMG Life Sciences Awards*. He has also been recognized on the *IAM Patent 1000* list of leading patent professionals, as an "IP Star" in *Managing IP's IP Stars Survey*, as an Illinois Super Lawyer for intellectual property litigation by *Super Lawyers Magazine*, and as a "Leading Lawyer" by *Leading Lawyers*, a division of *Law Bulletin Publishing Company*.

Practices

- IP Litigation
- Post-Grant Patent Proceedings

Industries

- Biotechnology & Life Sciences
- Consumer Products
- Internet & Cyberlaw
- Pharmaceutical

Representative Experience

- Won a \$70 million patent-infringement verdict as first-chair trial counsel in *Amgen v. Hospira*, the first patent-infringement jury trial about a biosimilar under the BPCIA.
- Represents clients in Hatch-Waxman and BPCIA litigations including in the BPCIA's pre-litigation "patent dance."
- Advises clients regarding strategies for the BPCIA's "patent dance."
- Won a jury trial in a patent ownership dispute for an inventor of DNA-sequencing techniques accused of breaching his employee invention agreement.
- Represented a biotechnology company in numerous patent litigation matters regarding its next-generation DNA sequencing technologies.
- Represented an Internet design and consulting firm in a trademark infringement and breach of contract dispute resulting in a favorable settlement.
- Defended a leading cable provider in numerous patent litigation matters regarding high-speed data, cable television, and VoIP technologies.
- Defended a client in a patent infringement action regarding a method of manufacturing turbine blades.
- Defended a client accused of infringing a patent on arc-fault circuit interrupter circuit breakers.

Background and Credentials

Mr. Labbé served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Algenon L. Marbley of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.

He received his undergraduate degree in molecular and cellular biology from Northwestern University in 1998. He graduated *cum laude* from Northwestern University School of Law in 2002 where he served as the executive editor of the *Northwestern University Law Review* and was a quarter-finalist in the Julius H. Miner Moot Court Competition. His *Law Review* comment, "Louisiana's Blanket Primary After *California Democratic Party v. Jones*," is published at 96 Nw. U. L. Rev. 721 (2002).

Education

- Northwestern University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
- Northwestern University (B.A.)
 - Biological Sciences

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Publications and Presentations

February 21, 2018

"Beyond Sandoz v. Amgen: Future of the Biologics Marketplace and Evolving Biosimilars"

2018 ACI Life Sciences Patents Conference

December 4, 2017

"Biosimilars: Get Ready, Get Set..."

2017 Consero IP Forum for Life Sciences

September 22, 2017

"Amgen Gets \$70M in Biosimilar Patent Suit Against Hospira" (featured quotes)

Law360

December 5, 2016

"Biosimilars: Get Ready, Get Set..."

2016 Consero IP Forum for Life Sciences

June 7, 2016

"Rise of the Biosimilars: Recent Developments and Strategies for Innovators and Biosimilar Applicants for Resolving Patent Disputes under the BPCIA"

2016 BIO International Convention

February 23, 2016

"The Year of the Biosimilar: Refining Current Life Sciences Patent Strategies and Formulating a Multi-Faceted Approach for Innovators and Biosimilars Manufacturers"

2016 ACI Life Sciences Patents Conference

Community and Professional Involvement

- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (Biotechnology Committee)
- Richard Linn American Inn of Court
- American Bar Association