

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ANALYST

Company: Pharmascience

Location: Montreal

SUMMARY

Our client is a full-service privately owned pharmaceutical company with strong roots in Canada and a growing global reach, with product distribution in over 60 countries. Ranked 56th among Canada's top 100 R&D investors with over \$43 million invested in 2018, Pharmascience is the 4th largest manufacturer of over-the-counter generic drugs in the country.

Reporting to the Manager, IP Strategy, the IP Analyst will be responsible for IP searches and activities designed to enhance patent protection and clearance of the company's licensed and developed products. He or she will provide a global perspective on IP matters and policy to country and regional operations; advise on data protection and other forms of exclusivity; ensure freedom to operate guidance is timely provided; provide due diligence and transactional support; and support court and administrative litigation efforts.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Advise and counsel clients on various IP matters involving patents, trade secrets, pharmaceutical data and market exclusivity, including:

- Supporting internal litigation on IP-related proceedings, challenges, disputes and litigation
- Performing prior art and white space searches including web, patent, and literature searches.
- Performing patentability, validity and freedom-to-operate (infringement) searches and analysis
- Performing intellectual property due diligence to support business development transactions
- Interpreting and advising clients on intellectual property provisions in various agreement such as non-disclosure agreements, license agreements, manufacturing agreements, and supply agreements
- Proactively counseling all levels of the organization on IP matters, ranging from broad strategic objectives to day-to-day collaboration with and input to research and development groups and teams. More particularly,
 - Developing, supporting and implementing Intellectual property strategies from product selection to commercialization
 - Assisting on product selection by assessing regulatory submission dates, market entry dates and launch dates in target countries in view of patent landscape, data protection and local regulatory requirements.
 - Making recommendations on formulation development based on intellectual property landscape, regulatory requirements and business goals
- Staying current with relevant legal developments

QUALIFICATIONS

- Advanced degree in organic chemistry or biochemistry or related discipline – minimum M.Sc.; Ph.D. preferred
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in Intellectual Property, preferably in the pharmaceutical industry
- Experience in patent searches and infringement analysis is a basic requirement.
- Candidate must be bilingual
- Acts as a self-starter, energetic, positive, analytical, able to drive results, and has a proven ability to work as part of a cross-functional team
- Maintains integrity, professionalism and high ethical and personal standards
- Exhibit initiative and assertiveness including the ability to work with minimal supervision
- Proficiency in patent databases (CIPO, USPTO, EPO-Patent Register, Espacenet, Orbit (or equivalent), etc.) and Microsoft Office, especially Word and Excel.
- Preferably, the candidate will also have knowledge in the following areas:
 - Concepts relating to formulation development, solid state structure of active pharmaceutical ingredients (solvates, salts, hydrates, crystal forms/polymorphs etc.), drug bioavailability and drug metabolism, stereochemistry, particle size distribution (PSD) and X-ray powder diffraction analysis (XRD).
 - Data protection for new pharmaceutical products in CA, US and Europe; (including new chemical entities, orphan drug designation, pediatric extension, CSPs, etc.)
 - PMNOC regulations in Canada and basic understanding of Hatch-Waxman litigation process in the US.

Please note that only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please forward your CV/résumé, in confidence, to SHORE & Associates:
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