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Overview

With 40 years of experience in the life sciences, Dr. Richard Emmons, Co-Chair of Day Pitney's Patent Prosecution and Counseling practice group, combines his scientific and legal experience to play a strategic role for his clients in guiding patent strategy, managing patent portfolios, and de-risking investments. Trained in bioinformatics, cell biology, classical and molecular genetics, epigenetics, genetic engineering, immunology, molecular biology, and physiology at Washington University School of Medicine, where he earned a Ph.D. in Developmental Biology, and the Harvard Medical School, where he completed a post-doctoral fellowship, he works with companies across all areas of life sciences, including Artificial Intelligence and medical device. He has conducted extensive IP due diligence for companies, family offices, and investors at all stages. Dr. Emmons is known for creative, holistic, and strategic thinking that integrates his multi-disciplinary experience to produce business-savvy solutions.

Dr. Emmons has significant experience in life sciences, chemistry, medical device, IoT, automotive, and clean technology, allowing him to provide creative solutions and practical business advice in a variety of industries. His practice focuses on global patent strategy, IP portfolio creation and management, patent application preparation and prosecution, freedom-to-operate analysis, opinion work, inter partes and post-grant review (IPR/PGR), and complex landscape searches.

Dr. Emmons leads and conducts due diligence for private and public companies, family offices, and investors. He has also worked on mergers & acquisitions and due diligence for private equity firms and hedge funds. He also works with family offices interested in investing in early-stage high-tech and biotech companies.

His practice includes assessing freedom-to-operate positions and rendering patentability and invalidity opinions. He advises clients on entering competitive markets and third-party challenges. Dr. Emmons has worked on patent litigations, inter partes reviews, and post-grant reviews.

Dr. Emmons has worked on diverse technical areas, including ag-tech, antibodies, automotive, biofuels, biologics, cell therapy, diagnostics, digital twins, enzymes, gene editing, gene therapy, GIS, gut microbiome, immuno-oncology, IoT, medical device, microbial engineering, neurodegenerative disease, nucleic acid therapy, nutraceuticals, protein engineering, regenerative medicine, stem cells, and vaccines.

Practices & Industries

Academic Institutions & Higher Education

Family Office

Healthcare & Life Sciences

Intellectual Property & Technology

Patent Prosecution & Counseling

Post Grant Proceedings

He has authored numerous scientific articles in top peer-reviewed journals, such as Development, Developmental Biology, Genetics, and Molecular Cellular Biology.

Experience

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Performed investor due diligence on dozens of early-stage biotech companies for partnering deals with a large family office

Performed a landscape analysis for a Fortune 500 company in the vaccine/LNP space

Performed an IP diligence for a gene therapy company that helped the client obtain approximately \$75 million in early series financing

Actively counseled clients on strategic management of complex patent portfolios related to medical device instruments

Completed an IP due diligence for a major acquisition by a Fortune 500 client in the immunotherapeutic space

Education and Credentials

Education

Harvard Medical School, post-doc., Epigenetics

Washington University, Ph.D., Developmental Biology

Suffolk University Law School, J.D.

College of the Atlantic B.A.

Admissions

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Affiliations

American Bar Association

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

Chosen for inclusion in the Top Recommended, Life Sciences, by The SPEAR'S 500, 2021

Selected to the list of Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2014-2021

Community Involvement

Extraordinary Women Advancing Healthcare in MA, Steering Committee Member, (2019-2022)

Little Cumberland Island Wildlife Refuge, Board Member, (2013-2022)

Long Range Planning Committee, Member (1996-2006)

News

Day Pitney Grows National IP Practice With Boston Life Sciences Patent Team

Day Pitney Press Release, February 24, 2025

In The Media

Improving Health Outcomes While Bolstering Investment Returns: Approaches to Investing in the Healthcare Sector Ranging from Wellness to MedTech to Biotech

April 29, 2025

Day Pitney Grows IP Practice With Life Sciences Patent Trio

Bloomberg Law Automation , March 5, 2024

Day Pitney Expands Boston Office with Key Hires in Life Sciences Patent Law Practice

Legal News Feed, March 3, 2025

Hub Hires: Freshfields, Day Pitney, Paul Hastings, Cozen

Law360, March 3, 2025

Withers Life Sciences IP Team Joins Day Pitney In Boston

Law360, February 24, 2025