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About Janice

Janice Rice has more than 20 years of experience assisting clients with their intellectual property (IP) needs in chemistry, pharmaceuticals, life sciences and cannabis industries. For more than 12 years of that time, she served as in-house patent counsel at small to mid-sized pharmaceutical companies. Her work includes representing companies in collaborations with institutes, universities and large pharmaceutical companies.

She has developed and managed portfolios covering small molecules, small molecule-antibody conjugates, polymorphs, formulations, consumer products, process chemistry, peptides and oligosaccharides. Her practice includes developing US and international patent strategies, patent drafting and prosecution, evaluation and protection of trade secrets, patentability and freedom to operate analyses, patent due diligence and advising on intellectual property licensing issues. Janice has contributed to patent protection for IMBRUVICA®, COTELLIC® and TALZENNA®, among other approved products.

Janice works as a strategic partner with companies on compounds at all stages of development, ranging from preclinical to approved drugs. She has a deep understanding of the pharmaceutical industry and the intersection of business objectives and patent strategy. In her work, she has advised clients on IP-related regulatory issues, product life cycle management and the handling of inventions made overseas.

Janice has served as IP counsel for SiteOne Therapeutics for more than a decade and recently advised the business on its acquisition by Eli Lilly and Company. Her work includes patent protection and strategies for STC-004, a Phase 2 ready Nav1.8 inhibitor being studied for the treatment of pain.

Prior to her legal career, Janice worked for nine years as a synthetic organic chemist. She is the author of numerous scientific publications and has presented some of her research.

Credentials

Education

- Santa Clara University, J.D., 2004
- University of California at San Diego, B.S., 1993

Admissions

- California, 2005
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2002

Recognitions

- Recognized in *Chambers USA* for Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution in California

Expertise

Services

- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Government Investigations & White Collar

Industries

- Life Sciences

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Owning Innovation: AI, Healthcare, and the New Frontiers of Intellectual Property Law," eMerge Americas, March 27, 2025.
- Speaker, "How to Make the Best Out of Your Employees Inventions: Applicable Rules and Best Practices for Global Companies," March 1, 2023.
- Co-author, "Moveable Pieces," *Intellectual Property Magazine*, April 2019.

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