

USA

2007

The Client's Guide

FOLEY HOAG LLP

is ranked in Chambers USA 2007 as follows:

MASSACHUSETTS

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Intellectual Property

Leading Firms

Band 2

Foley Hoag LLP *Boston*

Leading Individuals

Band 1

Arnold Beth *Foley Hoag LLP*Ware Donald *Foley Hoag LLP*

Band 3

Laporte Claire *Foley Hoag LLP*

Foley Hoag LLP

The Firm: Foley Hoag is renowned in Massachusetts for its technology practice. Its expertise in this field goes right back to the firm's creation in the 1940's and since then its patent prosecution and litigation practice has developed in tandem with the Boston economy. The firm has built a tightly integrated patent prosecution and litigation department composed of lawyers with industry experience and PhDs in a range of subjects. Its historical strength has allowed it to develop a cutting-edge technology practice, and it is frequently consulted by clients looking for advice on contemporary issues such as medical devices, diagnostics and biotechnology. In recent years, the team has also established a strong reputation in life sciences, assisting pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies on a range of matters including patents, trademarks and trade secrets. Recently, Biogen Idec and Genzyme sought out the group as litigation counsel in multidistrict litigation against Columbia University challenging a patent for recombinant DNA technology. The team has also assisted Japanese and Chinese companies in IP litigation in the USA. It also covers IP due diligence and is experienced in negotiating licensing and collaborative research agreements.

The Lawyers: Beth Arnold concentrates on patent prosecution and counseling, though in recent months her practice has increasingly involved patent due diligence for financings and M&A. She specializes in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. Viewed as "one of Boston's top IP litigators," Don Ware successfully defended QLT in a patent infringement suit brought by Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary concerning the invention of methods of treatment for age-related macular degeneration using Visudyne, a proprietary drug of QLT. He continues to represent QLT in federal litigation against Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary concerning unjust enrichment and unfair trade practices. Claire Laporte has accumulated a wealth of experience in patent litigation concerning invention and ownership of patents. Recently, she has been involved in several patent cases before the ITC, and is currently defending a company in an e-commerce patent infringement case pending in Arizona.

Clients/Work Highlights: The firm caters to prominent clients across a range of industries, including Pfizer; QLT; Biogen Idec; C.R. Bard and Genzyme.