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Practices

FOCUS: Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property Litigation
Patent Litigation and Patents

Industries

Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences

Education

JD, North Carolina Central University, *cum laude*

PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison,
Organic Chemistry

BS, University of Wisconsin-Madison,
Chemistry

Bar Admissions

North Carolina

Chris West focuses his Intellectual Property practice on all services relating to patents including portfolio analysis, patentability and infringement opinions. He has also prepared and prosecuted patent applications before the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). His clients are small to large multinational companies in both the private and public sectors and include institutions such as universities.

Understanding the pitfalls of patents is as helpful as knowing the law

Chris's background in medicinal chemistry provides a deep understanding of the challenges associated with producing and patenting pharmaceuticals. In addition to working in the industry, he also has several years of experience with litigation, opinion writing and FTP evaluation. Chris has carefully considered the issues involved with patents including how to make them strong enough to stand up to challenges after issuance. Consequently, he not only helps clients get patents but advises them on how to do so in ways that will stand up to any subsequent validity disputes.

Before joining Katten, Chris spent 15 years working in the pharmaceutical industry as a medicinal chemist. Chris had made significant contributions to oncology, immunology, cardiovascular, epilepsy and pain-focused projects while working on a variety of molecular targets.

Chris has been published numerous times in scientific journals and is a named co-inventor on several pharmaceutical patents and patent applications.

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Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *ANDA Litigation Intelligence Report*
 - Best Performing ANDA Attorneys Representing Defendants, 2023
 - Top 100 Most Active ANDA Attorneys Representing Defendants, 2023
- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Ones to Watch
 - Intellectual Property Law, 2021–2024
 - Litigation - Intellectual Property | Litigation - Patent | Patent Law, 2021–2024

News

- Katten's IP Litigation Team Prevails at Trial, Securing Patent Win for Mylan Pharmaceuticals (March 15, 2024)
- Katten Ranked Top Three Firm in Hatch-Waxman Litigation (September 5, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*® (August 17, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Recognized by *Best Lawyers*® (August 18, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (August 19, 2021)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished as Top Legal Talent in the 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* Lists (August 20, 2020)
- MDL Won't Stop PTAB From Reviewing Merck Diabetes Patent (May 13, 2020)