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Jennifer works with clients in both the private and public sectors, including **life sciences** companies of all sizes, from start-ups to global organizations.

She specializes in the drafting and prosecution of **patent** applications relating to life sciences and chemistry, with particular emphasis on pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and diagnostics.

During her graduate training, Jennifer conducted an Industrial Research Rotation at a global pharmaceutical company. Her PhD research involved experimentation in the areas of in vitro and in vivo pharmacology, therapeutics, cell signaling, immunology, organic chemistry, and molecular biology.

Jennifer obtained the highest overall national standing in the four qualifying examinations for patent agents. In her qualifying year, she also received the highest national standing in the patent drafting examination.

Experience

- Drafting and prosecuting patent applications in fields related to pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, therapeutics, diagnostics, medical devices, and chemistry.
- Advising on patentability, validity, infringement, and freedom-to-operate issues.
- Providing intellectual property due diligence and IP litigation support.
- Advising on issues related to patented medicines marketed in Canada.
- Advising on international patent strategies and portfolio management.

- Advising and assisting with technology transfer.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Regulatory context for patented pharmaceuticals and biotechnology drugs in Canada", BLG Article, December 2021

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC)
- Member, Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO)
- Member, International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys
- Member, BioNova: The Nova Scotia Biotechnology Industry Association
- Member, IPO's Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Issues Committee
- Director, IPIC-McGill Understanding Patents Course for 2016

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2025 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada*™ (Health Care Law)
- Recognized in the 2024 edition (and since 2015) of *Intellectual Asset Magazine's (IAM) Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Practitioners* (Prosecution - Recommended).
- Edward Maybee Award for highest overall national standing in the Canadian patent agent qualifying exam.
- Marie F. Morency Award for highest national standing in the patent drafting portion of the Canadian patent agent qualifying examination.

Education

- PhD (Doctorate of Philosophy in Pharmacology), Dalhousie University, 2004
- B.Sc. (Hons.), Dalhousie University, 1998

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