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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Cell and Developmental Biology,
Harvard University

B.S. *magna cum laude*, Biology, College
of William and Mary

BAR ADMISSIONS

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

PRACTICE AREAS

Corporate & Investment Diligence

Licensing & Transactions

Patent Opinions

Patent Prosecution

Strategic Counseling

Trade Secrets

Trademarks

TECHNOLOGIES

Chemistry & Materials Science

Industrial Devices

Life Sciences

Medical Devices & Diagnostics

OVERVIEW

Ben employs his extensive life sciences experience to effectively serve a wide range of the firm's clients, including established biotechnology companies, startups, and academic institutions. His work focuses on the drafting and strategic prosecution of patent applications across a wide variety of technologies, including large molecule therapeutics, diagnostics, cancer biology, immunotherapies, molecular biology, and protein engineering. He also assists with portfolio management, patentability assessments, and freedom to operate analyses.

Prior to joining the firm, Ben completed his doctoral work in David Pellman's laboratory at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School. His research investigated the coordination between cell polarity and cell division in eukaryotes. In particular, he worked to obtain mechanistic understanding of the cell cycle regulation of the Rho GTPase Cdc42, a highly conserved master regulator of cell polarity, as well as the function of Cdc42 during cytokinesis, the final step in cell division. During his scientific training, Ben developed broad technical expertise in cell and molecular biology approaches, classical and modern yeast genetics, microscopy, and biochemistry, and received a deep exposure to cancer cell biology.

Ben has co-authored original research articles and review articles in peer-reviewed journals, such as the *Journal of Cell Biology* and *Current Biology*.

EXPERIENCE

Honors:

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Academic Leadership Scholarship, Suffolk University Law School
- Best Brief Award, Legal Practice Skills Program, Suffolk University Law School