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Hao Wu obtained her Ph.D. in molecular biology from Rowan University (previously known as the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) – Stratford Campus). During her Ph.D., she completed the iJOBS SciPhD workshop and interned at the Technology Transfer & Business Development Office of the UMDNJ (now Rutgers Office of Technology Commercialization). After graduating in 2016, she joined a boutique law firm, Howson & Howson, LLP, as a technical specialist supporting patent prosecution of various biological inventions, such as those focusing on adeno-associated virus (AAV) and antibodies. In early 2020, she moved to California and joined Foley & Lardner, LLP as a patent agent (limited recognition due to immigration status). Two years later, she joined an oncology-focused biotechnology company, Exelixis, Inc., and has served as an in-house patent agent since then.



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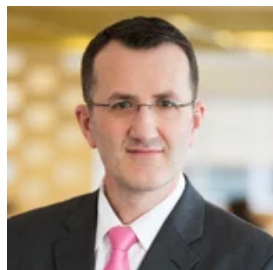
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Jayita Guhaniyogi, PhD focuses her practice on patent litigation with an emphasis in the chemical, life sciences and pharmaceutical industries. She handles patent infringement litigation cases and provides general counseling on patent-related issues. Her experience spans all stages of patent litigation, including pre-suit investigations, fact and expert discovery, motion practice, claim construction, trial and appeal.

Jayita combines her experience in life sciences and chemistry with her technical expertise to effectively streamline complex scientific issues for the Court. Her patent experience spans a wide range of technologies, including small molecule drugs, peptide, protein medicaments, stem cells, drug delivery, formulations, tissue transplants, medical devices, solid state chemistry, protein chemistry and purification and various indications including oncology, diabetes, cardiovascular, menopause and blood-related disorders.

While Jayita's practice focuses on patent litigation, Jayita has also been involved in patent prosecution including IPR and interference proceedings, and due diligence matters.



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With a broad academic and working background in organic and medicinal chemistry, Victor P. Ghidu, Ph.D., focuses his practice on patent counseling strategies, including patent portfolio inception and prosecution, patent portfolio due diligence, licensing and transactions, and patent disputes. He advises both life sciences and material sciences companies on an array of technologies pertaining to the chemical and biotechnology arts, including small molecule drugs, natural product and antibody-drug conjugates, biologics, medicinal formulations, specialty chemicals and formulations, polymers, organic light emitting diodes, fiber optics, and medical devices.