

Introduction

Daniel Jung, PhD

- Patent Agent at Fenwick & West LLP
- E-mail: DJung@fenwick.com
- Graduated from Rutgers in 2023
- Joined Goodwin Procter LLP as Technical Specialist in 2023
- Joined current team at Fenwick in 2025 (formerly at Cooley LLP)
- Now a Patent Agent because passed patent bar

Day-to-day tasks

- Check e-mails and list of upcoming deadlines (“docket”)
- Work with attorneys and other patent agents
- Types of work:
 - Draft patent applications
 - Draft responses to Office Actions (think, responding to reviewer comments for manuscripts)
 - Evaluate if our clients’ inventions are unique from what is already known (searching public databases, talking with the client, etc.)

Advice

- Be open to learning and be curious
- Talk to people at different stages of this career path
- Think about the day-to-day tasks of this career

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Przemyslaw Peter McEwan, PhD, Esq

- Patent Attorney at Goodwin Procter LLP
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- B.A. in Neuroscience and Cell Biology from Rutgers in 2012
- Ph.D. in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology from Rutgers in 2018
- Post-Doc in Neurotrauma at University of Pennsylvania in 2018-2020
- Joined Pepper Hamilton LLP (now Troutman Pepper Locke LLP) as a Technical Specialist in 2020
- Became Patent Agent in late 2020
- Joined Goodwin Procter LLP in 2023
- J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law in 2025

Day-to-day tasks

- Advise clients on patent strategy, such as filing options, portfolio development, freedom-to-operate, and risk assessment.
- Draft patent applications, including detailed specifications and claims, based on inventors' disclosures and technical documents.
- Prosecute patent applications before patent offices (e.g., responding to examiner reports, amendments, and arguments).
- Conduct and review prior art searches, and supporting enforcement or defense matters through validity, infringement, and due-diligence analyses.

Advice

- Know what you want
- Start early
- Be persistent
- Be proactive

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Guodong (George) Liu, PhD, JD

- Senior Patent Counsel, Johnson & Johnson (2022–Present)
- E-mail: lgd001@gmail.com
- Ph.D., Organic Chemistry, Temple University (2006)
- Research Fellow, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (2006–2010)
- J.D., Rutgers School of Law, Camden (2017)
- Research Scientist, Trevena, Inc. (2010–2017)
- Associate / Patent Agent, Troutman Pepper (2017–2022)

Day-to-day tasks

- **End-to-End Patent IP support:**
 - Patent drafting, prosecution, FTO analysis, opinions, and outside-counsel management.
 - Draft and negotiate complex licenses and research collaboration agreements.
 - Provide due diligence and strategic IP counseling for business development.
- **IP Strategy:**
 - Develop and execute best-in-class patent filing strategies in a dynamic IP environment.
- **Department Activities:**
 - Contribute to external and internal IP committees. e.g., U.S. Patent Law (IPO), Patent Litigation(AIPLA), and Patent Advisory and Training Committee (JNJ)
 - Function lead for internal projects, e.g., Innovation Submission System and drug price negotiation under Inflation Reduction Act

Advice

- In my journey, I've learned that being a patent attorney in pharma that truly understanding the science is the key.
- My Ph.D. and postdoc training gave me more than knowledge; they equipped me with the skills and confidence to navigate a complex field.
- If you're curious about this path, start by dipping your toe in as a scientific advisor, which is a great way to see whether the work sparks something in you.
- If it does, taking the patent bar can open the door to becoming a patent agent.
- And if you discover a passion for shaping strategy and advising on the bigger picture, law school can take you even further.
- It's a step-by-step journey, and each step opens up new ways to grow.