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Bar Admission

Nova Scotia 1997
New York, USA 2001
Ontario 2005

Law School

Dalhousie University
University of Cambridge

Practices

Intellectual Property

Industries

Life Sciences
Pharmaceutical
Technology
Automotive
Retail & Consumer Markets (RCM)
Consumer Products

US and International Markets

United States

Lisa Melanson is a partner in our Intellectual Property Group in Toronto. Her interdisciplinary practice encompasses the areas of intellectual property and product regulation.

Lisa's intellectual property work focuses on the global acquisition, exploitation, enforcement, and defence of patent and other intellectual property rights. She provides clients with strategic, common-sense advice concerning all phases of patent procurement and protection, from conception to commercialization. She has considerable experience conducting large-scale patentability, infringement, validity, and freedom-to-operate analyses and preparing IP and regulatory landscapes. She also provides IP support on patent litigation matters and IP and regulatory assistance on corporate and commercial transactions, including mergers and acquisitions. She has particular expertise advising pharma clients at the complex interface of drug regulation, patent prosecution, and litigation under the *Patented Medicines (Notice of Compliance) Regulations*.

In her regulatory practice, Lisa advises importers, retailers, manufacturers, and other clients on the regulation of a broad range of products. As a scientist and patent lawyer, Lisa offers a one-stop shop for innovative clients who wish to patent new products and bring them to market. She has considerable experience obtaining patent protection for, and advising on regulatory matters relating to, food and drugs, natural health products, cosmetics, medical devices, electrical equipment, and veterinary products. While cannabis practice is new to many, it is not new to Lisa: she has two decades of experience in the regulation of drugs and controlled substances.

She and her team rely on their legal and technical expertise to guide clients through the new cannabis regulatory framework with confidence.

Lisa's technical expertise makes it a pleasure to work with her. I find her work product to be of the highest quality.

— CLIENT, CHAMBERS CANADA

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Currently, Lisa is ranked as a Patent Star and named by *Managing IP* as one of the IP STARS' Top 250 Women in IP. She is also listed as a leading lawyer in the area of patents in *Who's Who Legal* and *IAM Patent 1000*.

Lisa graduated from Dalhousie University with her B.Sc. Hons. (Biology / Neuroscience) in 1992 and her LLB in 1995. She received her LLM from the University of Cambridge in 1998. Lisa was the recipient of numerous scholarships and awards throughout university, including the University Medal in biology and the Governor General's Academic Medal for highest overall standing. After law school, she clerked for Mr. Justice Wetston at the Federal Court of Canada.

Lisa was recognized for practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in 2002 and the Canadian Patent Office in 2006. Prior to joining McCarthy Tétrault, she worked as an associate in New York, advising US clients on patent prosecution, litigation, and regulatory matters in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and chemical fields. She is licensed in Ontario as a Foreign Legal Consultant with respect to the laws of the State of New York and the United States of America (Federal Jurisdiction).

Awards & Rankings

The Legal 500 Canada

Leading Lawyer: Intellectual Property

LMG Life Sciences - 2021

Canadian Patent Strategy Practitioner of the Year

Managing Intellectual Property: IP Stars

Patent Star

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Top 250 Women in IP

Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) Patent 1000

Leading Lawyer: Patent Prosecution and Patent Transactions

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LMG Life Sciences

Star: IP

Recent Experience

- **Otsuka Pharmaceutical acquires Mindset Pharma for C\$80M**
October 26, 2023
- **Neighbourly Pharmacy Inc. closes C\$150M treasury and secondary bought deal offering led by Scotia Capital and RBC Capital Markets**
October 25, 2021
- **AstraZeneca agrees to acquire Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. for US\$39B**
July 21, 2021
- **Thompson Street Capital Partners V, L.P. sells Vetio Animal Health to Swedencare AB**
July 1, 2021

Recent Insights

- **Cross-Border: A Retailer's Guide to Doing Business in Canada 2021 Edition**
October 26, 2021
- **Cross-Border: A Consumer Products Industry Guide to Doing Business in Canada 2021 Edition**
October 26, 2021
- **Eligibility for Supplementary Protection: The Federal Court of Appeal Considers the Issue for the First Time**
May 20, 2021