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BIOGRAPHY

Edward Hejlek concentrates his practice in the preparation and prosecution of patent applications, infringement analysis, and patent, trademark and trade secret licensing and has extensive experience in the fields of pharmaceuticals, life science technologies, secondary batteries, single crystal silicon and polymeric and composite materials.

Edward rejoined the firm in 2023 after a seven year sabbatical during which, in succession, he served as general counsel and took public two of the clients for whom he prepared and prosecuted extensive patent estates during his original tenure with the firm in the pharmaceutical and secondary battery fields, respectively. Other notable accomplishments include the successful prosecution and licensing of the famous Taxol anti-cancer drug process patents, which garnered more than \$350 million for Florida State University in the late 1990s/early 2000s, representing one

of the then most lucrative single technology licensing programs ever by a university. Additionally, he recently served as outside patent counsel to Ilypsa in connection with its patent portfolio and \$420 million acquisition by a major pharmaceutical company.

Edward has lectured in numerous intellectual property seminars sponsored by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and other organizations. He is also an adjunct professor of patent law at the Saint Louis University School of Law.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Missouri Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

ADMISSIONS

- Missouri, 1982
- California, 1981
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

EDUCATION

University of Missouri-Columbia, J.D., 1981

Washington University, B.S., 1978

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory
- Real Estate Life Sciences

EXPERIENCE

Mr. Hejlek's practice experience includes, but is not limited to, the following areas:

Life Sciences

- Polymeric pharmaceuticals for the treatment of hyperphosphatemia and metabolic acidosis
- Small organic molecules and polymers for a wide range of medical conditions. Exemplary indications include inflammation (COX-2, 5-lipoxygenase, and NF-KB inhibitors), oncology (taxanes), and pain (morphinans)
- Compositions for radiation therapy
- Immuno and other diagnostic assays for disease detection
- Contrast agents and other compositions for use in MRI and optical imaging
- Nucleic acid polymerase compositions and amplification processes
- Cell culture/fermentation media and methodology, including methods and compositions for commercial-scale high efficiency transfection

Material Science

- Lithium ion batteries
- Single crystal silicon materials and manufacturing methods for use in the semiconductor industry
- Granular polycrystalline silicon materials and manufacturing methods for use in the solar and the single crystal silicon industries
- Nanoporous organosilicate films and particles having use in a wide range of applications
- Electrocatalysts for use in fuel cells and other electrochemical cells
- Polyelectrolyte complex films having a wide variety of biological and chemical applications

Chemistry

- High throughput combinatorial chemistry methods and compositions
- Processes for the preparation of compositions ranging from small organic molecules to high performance polymers

RESOURCES

PUBLICATIONS

- "Patent, Trade Secret and Copyright Considerations," *Employer's Guide to Using Independent Contractors*, 1993
- "Protection Beyond Infringement; Dilution," (Co-author), *St. Louis Bar Journal*, 1990

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Manufacturing Summit: Sophisticated Innovation and Beyond," *St. Louis Business Journal* Seminar, 2007
- "Willfulness, Preliminary Injunctions, Scope of Waiver, and the Role of Opinions Post-Seagate," Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, 2007
- "Commercial Law: Current Issues for Today's Practitioners," Missouri Bar Association, 2007
- "The Morality of Intellectual Property Rights," Aquinas Business Forum, 2007
- "Recent Trends in Intangible Asset Management & Strategy," *St. Louis Business Journal* Seminar, 2007
- Intellectual Property Discussion in Conjunction with U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' International Visitor Leadership Program, Discussion Leader, 2007
- "Manufacturing and Innovation: Leading the Path to Success," *St. Louis Business Journal* Seminar, 2006
- "The Blackberry Dilemma: Patent Trolling—When Should Public Interest Trump the Property Rights of a Patent Holder?," Moderator, Missouri Bar Association, 2006
- "An Overview of Intellectual Property for the General Practitioner and Corporate Counselor," Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, 2006
- "Manufacturing Outlook 2006: Strategies for Renewal & Growth," *St. Louis Business Journal* Seminar, 2005