
Intellectual Property Matters in Education

Education

Intellectual property can be among an academic institution's most vital assets. To manage this important commodity, colleges and universities need an experienced and trusted partner. WilmerHale has one of the largest and most experienced intellectual property departments in the country. Our intellectual property lawyers assist schools with strategic planning, identify inventions for which patents should be sought and advise on what claims to make and how best to make them. WilmerHale's Intellectual Property Litigation Practice has been recognized by *The American Lawyer* as the finest in the country.

Experience

Prosecuted patents for universities, including Boston University, Brown University, Columbia University, Harvard University, Michigan State University, Rutgers University, University of Chicago, and University of Pittsburgh, and for medical facilities such as the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Advised Columbia University on the development of a strategic plan for the commercialization of a collection of patents. We analyzed and classified the technologies for marketing purposes, researched potential markets, identified possible licensees and delivered a comprehensive strategy far beyond the capability of most university technology transfer offices.

Help manage university patent portfolios, provide patentability assessments and identify advantageous licensing opportunities.

On behalf of a major university and its licensee, prevailed in a patent interference proceeding concerning an active agent in a drug for the treatment of septic shock. The decision was upheld in an appeal before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.