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OVERVIEW

A versatile IP attorney with a technical background, Gary Prato practices across a broad range of clients and provides unmatched support and guidance to everything from global multinationals to innovative startups. Gary is both an aggressive, effective IP litigator and an efficient, detail-oriented patent prosecution attorney.

One of the things that differentiates IP law is the integration of legal work with technical knowledge. The day-to-day raw material of an IP attorney’s practice is typically highly technical, and the ability to work with, understand, and communicate this information is an invaluable asset, particularly for an associate, whose role typically relies on research and writing skills. With an undergraduate degree in Chemistry and a graduate degree in Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology, Gary is exceptionally skilled at mastering the technical demands of IP law, particularly on behalf of clients in the pharmaceutical industry.

This knowledge also gives Gary the equally valuable ability to rapidly understand the technical issues of a matter, and when possible, to arrive at innovative, outside-the-box solutions. There are, of course, thousands of perfectly competent IP attorneys in the field who will do the work, follow the prescribed procedure, arrive at the expected solution and deliver typical results.

But the real force multiplier in IP law comes from innovation. This means the ability to address not just the obvious questions, but the less-obvious ones. It means being able to understand the real

Practices

- Due Diligence
- Hatch-Waxman Litigation
- Inter Partes* Review (IPR) and Post Grant Review (PGR)
- International Filings
- Licensing and Transactions
- Opinions, Freedom to Operate, and Patentability Analysis
- Patent Litigation
- Patent Prosecution
- Patent Strategy and Counseling

Education

- J.D., Seton Hall University School of Law, (*cum laude*)
- M.S., Purdue University, Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology
- B.S., Monmouth University, Chemistry (*magna cum laude*)

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York

problems and the real opportunities buried in a scenario, and to articulate non-obvious approaches that can solve a problem a client didn't even know he had, or predict one he didn't see coming. Gary's ability to arrive at potential solutions that are genuinely outside the proverbial box is a major asset to both the clients the firm serves, and the attorneys with whom he works and to whom he provides support.

Gary's innovative abilities are to some extent a byproduct of his equally impressive research capabilities. A diligent, organized, and tireless researcher, he excels at thoroughly and efficiently digesting and organizing the facts of a case, and in particular, conducting legal research into the implications of a situation, whether it be the patentability of a technology or the next right move in litigation.

**Not Admitted to the D.C. Bar*

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