

## Allison W. Dobson, Ph.D.

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### Services

Adversarial Patent Prosecution<sup>SM</sup>  
Asset Creation - Prosecution & Counseling  
Life Sciences Patent Disputes  
Intellectual Property  
Intellectual Property Due Diligence  
ITC Section 337  
Market Protection - Opinions & Dispute Avoidance  
Patent Due Diligence  
Patent Litigation  
Patents  
Post-Grant Proceedings  
Trade Secrets

### Industries

Agribusiness & Food  
Technology  
Health & Life Sciences  
Chemicals: Industrial  
Chemistry & Materials and  
Material Science  
Life Sciences: Biotechnology,  
Pharmaceuticals &  
Bioinformatics  
Medical & Surgical Devices



Allison Dobson focuses her practice on patent prosecution and counseling, due diligence, post-grant proceedings such as *Inter Partes* Review (IPR), litigation, licensing, and other intellectual property issues. She has experience with a wide range of technologies including biotechnology, medical devices, and pharmaceutical innovations, as well as other matters in chemistry and life sciences. Allison prosecutes patents for clients in the U.S. and abroad and provides counseling and opinions regarding patentability, patent validity, infringement, and freedom-to-operate. She also has IPR experience from both patent owner and petitioner perspectives.

Prior to her legal career, Allison conducted research in the medical sciences, including molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, cell biology, and toxicology. She also took Medical Gross Anatomy and taught Anatomy & Physiology at Winston-Salem State University. She was an NIH Postdoctoral Fellow in Molecular Neurotoxicology at Wake Forest University School of Medicine and a legal Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Genomics and Society of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Allison was recognized in 2018, 2019, and 2020 as a North Carolina “Rising Star” for Intellectual Property by



*Super Lawyers* magazine. She was also recognized in 2022, 2023 and 2024 as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Patent Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

## **Experience**

Counsel a nonprofit research and teaching hospital regarding freedom-to-operate issues, including investigation and analysis of potentially relevant intellectual property and analysis of proposed assays intended to design around numerous patents.

Represent Wake Forest University Health Sciences in preparing and prosecuting numerous U.S. and international patent applications, including applications relating to cancer diagnostics and/or treatment, the treatment of neuronal dysfunction. For example, patents have been granted for methods to prevent neurodegeneration, to detect elevated MAP-2 in melanoma, and the use of angiotensin antagonists to treat cancer. Also, the firm assisted with patent license counseling and negotiation, inventorship disputes, and inter-university agreement negotiations.

Represent a leading clinical laboratory services provider in intellectual property related services, including freedom to operate analyses, patent license negotiation and review, collaborative research and development agreement preparation and analysis, patent prosecution and litigation services and due diligence and pre-litigation counseling. Technologies include clinical diagnostic services; robotics; bioinformatics; genome mapping; genetic testing; gene mapping and counseling; companion diagnostics; blood testing services, and biotechnology.

## **Education**

University of North Carolina School of Law J.D. (2009) Gressman-Pollitt Award for Oral Advocacy; *The Order of Barristers*

University of South Alabama College of Medicine Ph.D. (2001) Basic Medical Sciences

Georgia Institute of Technology B.S. (1996) Applied Biology

## **Admissions**

North Carolina (2010)

## **Court Admissions**

North Carolina (2010)

## **Professional & Community Activities**

North Carolina Bar Association, Member

Leadership Winston-Salem, Class of 2021, Member



## Insights

### Events

Advanced Patent Law Seminar

February 25, 2025

### Events

Annual Review of Patent Case Law: 2024 Cases and Implications for In-House Counsel (Winston-Salem)

February 18, 2025

### Events

IP Innovations: Annual Review of Patent Case Law

February 12, 2025

### Alert

First-filed, Later-Expiring Patent Protected from Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Post In re Collect

August 15, 2024

### Events

Advanced Patent Law Seminar

February 13, 2024