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Troy Petersen is a registered patent attorney who focuses his practice on patent procurement, client counseling, and intellectual property litigation primarily in the chemical and life sciences industries. Troy has experience drafting and prosecuting domestic and international patent applications, including patent office appeals and post-grant proceedings. He is also experienced in preparing non-infringement, validity, patentability, and freedom-to-operate analyses in the chemical, polymer, medical device and pharmaceutical arts from both due diligence and litigation perspectives. Additionally, Troy has experience in patent and trade secret litigation having participated in all phases of litigation including discovery, trial, and appeals.

Prior to joining the firm, Troy worked as an attorney in the Virginia office of an intellectual property law firm where his areas of practice included patent drafting and prosecution, opinions and client counseling, and patent office proceedings. Previously, Troy was an associate in the Washington, D.C. office of an international intellectual property law firm where he practiced all aspects of patent law, including patent and trade secret litigation, and patent procurement. Prior to launching his legal career, Troy was employed at the hydrocarbons plant of a major chemical company, and at a drug delivery company.

Troy conducted research in polymer synthesis, polymer processing and rheology in the lab of Dr. Chris Macosko at the University of Minnesota. While attending law school, he served on the editorial board of the *Duke Law Journal*, as a staff writer for the *Duke Law and Technology Review*, on the board of directors of the Duke Law Intellectual Property and Cyberlaw Society, and as an intellectual property research assistant for Professor Jerome Reichman. Troy also spent a semester studying international law and intellectual property at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium.

Troy was recognized as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" in 2025 for Patent Law and again in 2026 and 2027 for Life Sciences Practice and Patent Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®.

Experience

Counsel for patentee Celanese in five *inter partes* review petitions filed by competitor Daicel challenging validity of Celanese patents related to industrial acetic acid production. The Patent Trial and Appeal Board initially ruled in favor of client Celanese, completely denying all five petitions, although requests for rehearing subsequently resulted in the institution of 3 of the 5 IPRs. In June of 2016, the PTAB issued final written decisions in the three IPRs, finding for patent owner Celanese and affirming all instituted claims as not unpatentable. United States Patent and Trademark Office Patent Trial and Appeal Board, Case Numbers IPR2014-01514, IPR2014-01515, IPR2015-000170, IPR2015-00171 and IPR2015-00173.

Education

Duke University School of Law J.D. (2004) *cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*

University of Minnesota B. of Chemical Engineering (2001) *high distinction*

University of Minnesota B.S. (2001) Chemistry, *high distinction*

Admissions

Colorado (2021)

District of Columbia (2005)

California (2004)

Court Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2005)

Insights

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February 27, 2023

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3 Key Takeaways | PTAB Update: Recent Developments in IPR and PGR Practice

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