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Services

Intellectual Property
Patents
Asset Creation - Prosecution & Counseling
Market Protection - Opinions & Dispute Avoidance
Patent Due Diligence
Post-Grant Proceedings

Industries

Health & Life Sciences
Medical & Surgical Devices

Chris Garcia focuses his practice on patent prosecution and counseling in the fields of chemistry and life sciences.

While attending the University of Colorado Law School, Chris worked with the firm in 2022 and 2023 as a summer associate and in 2023 and 2024 as a law clerk where he gained experience in patent prosecution and litigation.

Chris is a synthetic organic chemist with experience in the design, synthesis, and characterization of small molecules. While attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, he served as a Research Assistant in its Department of Chemistry and his graduate work focused primarily on structure-activity relationship studies of novel heterocycles as potential therapeutics for the treatment of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD).

While attending California State University, Chris was a Supplemental Instruction Leader and Research Assistant in its Department of Chemistry where he taught supplemental lectures for General Chemistry and Organic Chemistry, performed synthetic organic chemistry developing selenium and tellurium-based compounds used to catalytically activate oxidation reactions in Professor Michael Drake's Laboratory, and developed analytical protocols for the separation of bioorganic material in Professor Koni Stone's Laboratory.

Previously, Chris worked for the United States Forest Service as a Forest Protection Officer in Mi-Wuk Village, California and as a Wildland Fire Fighter with the Stanislaus Hotshots crew in Sonora, California.

Chris is co-author of several peer-reviewed journal articles, co-inventor of a published international patent application, and has presented at professional conferences.

Education

California State University, Stanislaus B.S., Chemistry (2017)

University of Colorado Law School J.D. (2024)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Ph.D., Organic Chemistry (2021) *National Institutes of Health (VT-IMSD) Fellow, 2021 Graduate School Doctoral Assistantship Award*

Admissions

Colorado (2024)

Professional & Community Activities

Boulder Voices for Children, Court Appointed Special Advocate (2021-2023)

Colorado Law, Admission and Orientation Leader
Intellectual Property Law Association, President

Silicon Flatirons Student Group, Member (2021-2024)

LatinX Law Students Association, Member (2021-2024)

SACNAS, Honolulu Hawaii, Poster Presentation Judge (2019)

Virginia Tech, Graduate Recruitment Student Ambassador (2018-2019)

Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, Member (2015-2017)

Insights

Events

Ethics Update: How IP Practitioners Were Disciplined and How You Could Be Too

March 3, 2026

Events

Navigating the Challenges of Preserving Attorney-Client Privilege in USPTO Proceedings

February 25, 2025

Publication

Head-to-head comparison of BAM15, semaglutide, rosiglitazone, NEN, and calorie restriction on metabolic physiology in female db/db mice

January 1, 2024

Publication

Oxadiazolopyridine Derivatives as Efficacious Mitochondrial Uncouplers in the Prevention of Diet-Induced Obesity

March 7, 2023

Publication

Targeting negative energy balance with calorie restriction and mitochondrial uncoupling in db/db mice

March 1, 2023