# Panel 1: Patents

## David T. Bomzer:

David has served as both in-house and outside counsel to some of the largest and most recognizable Fortune 500 companies. In these positions, he has been responsible for developing, coordinating and executing all aspects of patent protection strategies among global teams of business and technology hubs. In addition, he has developed objectives and procedures for identifying and protecting high value technology assets, and organized and led teams of technology leaders, who assisted in coordinating enterprise-wide protection efforts. David also managed patent procurement efforts by in-house and outside counsel.

David has been working with transactions for more than a decade, drafting and negotiating on behalf of clients many agreements directed to protecting IP generated and or transfer between parties, including joint development agreements, software as a service agreements, and asset transfer agreements. David has assisted with due diligence reviews implicating such agreements.

Also strong in patent preparation and prosecution, David has drafted and prosecuted patent applications in the mechanical, electro-mechanical, telecommunication arts, to name a few, and participated in various post grant reviews. He also has extensive experience in procuring design patents for his clients. He has also drafted many freedom-to-operate opinions and patentability opinions for his clients. Further, David has protected his clients' interests in litigation matters via various Examination Before Trial (EBT) proceedings, including taking and defending depositions, preparing and examining infringement claim charts, preparing Markman briefs and assisting in Markman hearings.

David enjoys lecturing about intellectual property and technical subject matter, and has participated in and chaired many industry conferences and panels. David has lectured about patents, including utility and design patents, as well as other forms of intellectual property, to clients, startups, and to other attorneys via local and regional committee activities. He taught Cyber Law at Quinnipiac University School of Law as an Adjunct Professor for several years. He also taught mechanical and aerospace engineering courses to undergraduate and graduate students at the NYU Tandon School of Engineering (formerly known as Brooklyn Polytechnic University) as an Adjunct Professor for several years.

#### Jenny Lee:

Wan Chieh (Jenny) Lee is a partner in the New York office of Haug Partners. Her practice focuses on strategic counseling, procurement of worldwide patent rights, due diligence, freedom to operate, and intellectual property transactions. She routinely advises clients in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries regarding patentability, validity, freedom-to-operate, and regulatory exclusivity. Drawing from her extensive experience across all aspects of patent practice, Ms. Lee develops and executes patent procurement strategies that are aligned with clients' immediate and long-term business goals, including product life cycle management under the Hatch-Waxman Act and the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act. She leverages her strong ability to digest complex technical information with her experience in both patent procurement and litigation to provide clients with valuable

transactional insights and a unique approach to negotiating intellectual property terms in agreements.

Ms. Lee's experience spans a broad range of life science technologies including antibodies, antibody drug conjugates, CAR-T, vaccines, small molecule pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, veterinary formulations, data science, biomaterials and medical devices. She also has experience with a variety of other technologies including polymers, cosmetics, industrial chemicals, manufacturing process controls, paper, and software.

During her time at MIT, Ms. Lee participated in cardiac and cartilage tissue engineering research using polymeric scaffolds, for which she earned the school's bioengineering undergraduate research award. Additionally, she researched and studied drug delivery coatings for cardiovascular stents, and served as a teaching assistant for the undergraduate polymer chemistry laboratory.

# **Christopher C. Smith:**

Christopher Smith is a highly accomplished intellectual property attorney specializing in patent litigation, IP counseling, licensing, and patent and trademark prosecution. With extensive experience representing clients across industries including automotive, medical devices, internet technologies, and telecommunications, Chris brings technical expertise and strategic insight to his practice. In 2024, he was honored with the prestigious Law360 MVP Award, an accolade given to only six IP attorneys nationwide, recognizing his exceptional influence in the field. A registered patent attorney, Chris combines his litigation acumen with a strong background in patent prosecution, enabling him to deliver winning strategies for Fortune 500 companies and startups alike.

# Panel 2: "IP and Contracts: Swipe Right for Strong Clauses"

# Jan Bösing:

Jan Bösing practices law in all areas of intellectual property, focusing on patent law. He represents clients in complex patent infringement proceedings and nullity proceedings before the Unified Patent Court (UPC), German national courts and the German Federal Patent Court as well as opposition proceedings before the European Patent Office and the German Patent and Trade Mark Office. His wealth of experience in cross-border patent litigation is especially valuable for his international clients. Dr. Jan Bösing focuses on telecommunications, the automotive industry, electronics, and micromechanics. He also takes a keen interest in sports, which is based on his degree in sport management and his committed basketball activities.

A particular focus of the IP work which Dr. Jan Bösing does is on standard-essential patents (SEPs). He advises clients on and represents clients in the enforcement of SEPs on the one hand and the defense of compulsory license under antitrust law (FRAND defense) against the assertion of SEPs on the other hand. In this context, he has been involved in multiple prominent

SEP cases of the last few years on behalf of his clients and regularly supports clients out of court in negotiating licenses and evaluating portfolios.

## **Angela Collison:**

Angela Collison is a Sr. Manager, Intellectual Property, and Patent Counsel at Canon U.S.A., Inc. She currently manages intellectual property portfolios for Canon's Boston Innovation Center, the Canon Incubation Center, as well as Canon Virginia, Inc.

Her practice is focused on intellectual property counseling, portfolio development, patent and trademark prosecution, patent licensing, agreement drafting and negotiation, landscape and freedom to operate searches, due diligence, and supporting product development activities.

Ms. Collison has over 24 years of experience, both in-house and in a law firm setting. She has experience in a wide variety of practice areas including biotechnology, molecular diagnostics, infectious disease diagnostics, molecular biology, vaccines, animal health, food science, pharmaceuticals, medical imaging, robotics, medical devices, and consumer electronics.

Angela is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and is admitted to practice in New York and Connecticut. She received a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law where she was a member of the Law Review, an M.S. in Biomedical Engineering from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and a B.S. in Biophysics with a minor in Chemistry from the State University of New York at Geneseo.

#### **Thomas Kowalski:**

Thomas J. (Tom) Kowalski is a registered U.S. patent attorney and a partner in the firm's New York Broadway office. He is Chair of the Life Sciences, Pharmaceuticals, and Biotechnology Division of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group and is a member of the firm's Life Sciences group. His practice includes biotechnology, chemical and medical apparatus litigation/contentious matters, patent prosecution, licensing, investor due diligence, and counseling, and litigation, with extensive experience in matters of personal and personalized medicine, genetics and genetic engineering, plant varieties and genetically modified plants, biological inventions arising from big data/data mining/AI, virology, immunology, antibodies, vaccinology, T-cell receptors, cell-based therapies such as tumor infiltrating lymphocytes, biologics, pharmaceuticals, medicinal chemistry, crystallography and small molecules, amongst other fields of biotechnology and chemistry. Mr. Kowalski also represents his clients in procuring and enforcing trademarks and design patent rights. He obtains trademark and design patent protection domestically and worldwide, and he enforces trademark rights and defends clients accused of trademark infringement in the United States. He also actively works with clients on strategies to avoid litigation, clear out the IP underbrush that impedes passage through IP thickets, and maximize patent portfolios and investor funding.

Mr. Kowalski received an American Chemistry Society Certified B.S. in Chemistry from New York University and a J.D., with honors, from St. John's University School of Law.

In fulfilling the requirements for American Chemistry Society certification, Mr. Kowalski extensively studied graduate biochemistry, graduate inorganic chemistry, genetics, and computer science; and conducted laboratory research (a joint project amongst NYU (in the laboratory of Yorke E. Rhodes, Ph.D.), Columbia University and The NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (under Carl A. Gottlieb, Ph.D.)).

Mr. Kowalski holds several professional appointments and affiliations; he is a faculty member of the Practising Law Institute and a Chair of *PLI's Patent Boot Camp*, a member of the editorial board of the ABA's IP publication *Landslide*, and the lead author and editor of the treatise, "*The Mechanics of Patent Claim Drafting*." Mr. Kowalski serves in the leadership of the ABA's Intellectual Property Law Section, where he chaired its Pro Bono Committee, and is currently Co-Vice Chair of its Patent Division, Liaison to the ABA Standing Committee on Disaster Preparedness, and Liaison to the ABA's Pro Bono Committee, amongst other roles. In addition, Mr. Kowalski is active in the New York Intellectual Property Law Association ("NYIPLA"), where he Chairs the NYIPLA IP Transactions Committee (previously serving on the Amicus Brief Committee).

Mr. Kowalski has extensive international experience and has appeared before courts and in proceedings throughout the world, including London, England; The Hague, Netherlands; Dusseldorf, Mannheim and Munich, Germany; Vienna, Austria; Tokyo, Japan; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Melbourne and Canberra, Australia.

# **Heidi Lunasin:**

Heidi E. Lunasin leverages both in-house experience and familiarity with corporate structures and practices to enhance client communication and success with respect to all aspects of intellectual property law.

Heidi understands the end-goal of intellectual property is important at the onset of strategy planning to efficiently direct the path of protection. Recognizing early on in the innovation process where IP rights are desired and for what purpose they are needed is key to gaining the required protection in the relevant countries.

Heidi develops patent strategies in technology fields ranging from biotech, engineering, materials, medical devices, mechanical devices, manufacturing methods including, for example, additive manufacturing, molding, and technical textiles. Over the course of her career, she has advised clients in a multitude of industries, including consumer goods, medical devices, animal health, chemical and petrochemical.

Due to her extensive experience working on clearance of products, due diligence reviews, performing comprehensive and in-depth patent searches, preparing non-infringement and invalidity opinions, and drafting and evaluating intellectual property contracts, Heidi is well-positioned to develop comprehensive IP protocols for implementation, including establishing competitive patent review and enforcement programs. Heidi has been involved in multiple worldwide patent proceedings, working with counsel throughout the world. While working on such cases she has assisted in developing appropriate strategies to defend patents asserted in litigation before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) as well as Opposition proceedings in Europe, Australia, etc. Further, Heidi has worked in conjunction with counsel (both foreign and US) to develop offensive strategies throughout the world.

Prior to joining Duane Morris, Heidi served as Senior Patent Counsel for adidas AG in Herzogenaurach, Germany working on all aspects of products and development in the laboratories and factories alike. While IP Counsel at Treofan in Raunheim, Germany she routinely worked with developers at the manufacturing facility to protect and defend their intellectual property rights.

Throughout Heidi's career, she has been fortunate to operate in several industries, gaining an understanding of the issues affecting them. Before studying law, she worked for the US Army Corps of Engineers, Cyro Industries, Dell Computer, and the Third Military Academy of Korea.

Heidi is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia. She is a 2008 graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law. She earned an M.S. in Public Health from the University of North Carolina and a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Rutgers University.

### **Nicole Woods:**

Nicole S. Woods is Assistant General Patent Counsel – Clinical/Regulatory Strategist and PRC Lead at Eli Lilly and Company. In this role, she oversees the intersection of clinical, regulatory, and global IP strategy, including linkage and extension strategies, life cycle management, competitive intelligence, and clinical transparency initiatives. Nicole also leads AI development projects for the legal department and manages a team of direct reports and outside counsel.

Prior to her current position, Nicole supported Loxo Oncology at Lilly and ImClone Systems. She holds a JD from The John Marshall Law School and a BSChem from Creighton University. Nicole is admitted to practice in Illinois, New Jersey, and New York.

# **Panel 3: Government and University**

# Richard Kurz:

Richard Kurz is a partner in Haug Partners LLP's New York office. His practice primarily focuses on intellectual property counselling and litigation. His litigation experience includes numerous district court cases and appeals for life sciences companies concerning biologic and pharmaceutical drug products, with allegations that include patent infringement, inventorship disputes, inequitable conduct, false advertising, breach of contract, and business torts. This includes both brand vs. generic litigation under the Hatch-Waxman Act and brand vs. brand cases. In addition, he assists clients with counselling, due diligence, freedom-to-operate analyses, IP/know-how/trade secrets protection, and licensing and collaboration agreements concerning intellectual property rights, including drafting and negotiating settlement agreements. His J.D. degree is from the Franklin Pierce Law Center, now known as the UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law, and his undergraduate degree is a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University. In his spare time, he teaches a course as an adjunct professor at UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law titled "Pharmaceutical Patents – Patent Protection and Litigation in the Life Sciences Industry."