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Bill Schulman, who currently practices in the firm's Intellectual Property & Technology Service Group, is a Registered U.S. Patent Attorney trained as a Biologist. His practice focuses primarily on protecting inventions in the fields of biotechnology, life sciences, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, but he handles cases in many other fields including telecommunications, rail transportation, and protein crystallography. He has been counseling clients in intellectual property matters for more than 35 years.

Bill has deep experience in federal litigation involving all aspects of intellectual property and related fields, including patents, trademarks, copyrights and unfair competition.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Biotechnology/Life Sciences
- Fiduciary Duty, Trade Secret & Unfair Competition Litigation
- Health Care - Life Sciences Technology & Commercialization
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Licensing
- Patent Prosecution & Protection
- Trademarks

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Represents numerous companies in various fields with regard to their intellectual property needs.
- Led a team of Stites attorneys in preparing and filing a Post Grant Review (PGR) which successfully invalidated most of the claims of US Patent No. 9,840,491 in the Patent Trial and Appeals Board (PTAB). An Appeal of this decision by the patentee has been dismissed.
- Successfully prosecuted an Inter Partes Reexamination which resulted in the complete invalidation of all claims of US Patent 6,454,902. This decision was affirmed by the PTAB, and confirmed on Appeal by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC) in an opinion issued on May 26, 2020.
- Served as patent counsel for Plaintiff in *V. Mane Fils S.A. v. International Flavors and Fragrances, Inc.* in the Federal District Court of New Jersey, a litigation involving patent infringement of Plaintiff's U.S. Patents 5,725,865 and 5,843,466 relating to cooling compounds. The case was settled favorably for Plaintiff who received a \$40 million royalty payment from Defendant.

- Served as local counsel and co-trial counsel for defendant in *F.O.B. Instruments, Ltd. v. Krown Manufacturing, Inc.* in Federal District Court of Maryland, a case involving patent and trademark infringement.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Maryland
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for Maryland
- U.S. Supreme Court
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- The Twelve Days of I.P. Christmas with *Joel T. Beres* , *Jeffrey A. Haeberlin* , *James Hayne* , *Thomas J. Mihill (TJ)* , *Gary N. Stewart (Nick)* , and *Patrick M. Torre* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, December 14, 2022
- Fed. Circ. Won't Revive Solenis Paper-Making Patent with *Tiffany Hu* Law360, May 26, 2020
- PTAB Axes Bulk Of Possible Cancer Treatment Patent In PGR with *Britain Eakin* Law360, March 20, 2020
- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Patent Prosecution Special Interest Group Facilitator, Association of University Technology Managers Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, February 2011
- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Patent Prosecution Special Interest Group Facilitator, Association of University Technology Managers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, La., March 2010

- The Developing Landscape of Biotechnology Patent Law
Co-moderator, Association of University Technology Managers Annual Meeting, Orlando, Fla., February 2009

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Executive Office Member, Alexandria, VA Office
- Diversity Committee, Member
- Lateral Recruiting Committee, Member
- Alexandria Office Recruiting Committee, Member (ex officio)

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- American Bar Association
- Maryland Bar Association
- Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM)
- American Bar Foundation , Fellow

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Shakespeare in the Parque, Alexandria, Va., Donor and Pro Bono Attorney
- Jefferson County Historical Society of Charles Town, W.Va., Member and Pro Bono Attorney
- Alexandria Soccer Association, Coach and Referee

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center J.D. *cum laude* 1984

- Georgetown University Law Center Scholarship
- Participated in advanced Patent Law Seminar where he presented a paper which foresaw the onset of patentability for biological inventions such as transgenic mice

University of Michigan M.S., Biology 1980

- Teaching fellowship and scholarship
- Taught classes and led laboratory sessions in all aspects of biology
- Conducted research and presented papers in the field of evolutionary biology and behavioral ecology

Brandeis University B.A. with honors, Biology 1978

- Course work and laboratory work in all scientific disciplines including biology, organic and inorganic chemistry, calculus, physics and astrophysics
- Laboratory Assistant in a genetics laboratory studying recombinant engineering of yeast DNA

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

Bill was with the law firm of Larson & Taylor of Alexandria, Virginia, for more than 20 years, which followed his position as a Summer Associate for the law firm of Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto in New York City. Bill was a partner with Larson & Taylor for over ten years when they merged with Stites & Harbison in 2004.

Bill has been named an "IP Star" in both patent law and trademark law by **Managing Intellectual Property** magazine. He is a member of the Association of University Technology Mangers (AUTM) and regularly attends their annual meeting. Bill has been a speaker at the AUTM annual meeting, and previously facilitated the Biotechnology and Life Sciences Patent Prosecution Special Interest Group session at that conference.

Bill has participated in a number of civic and cultural organizations including Shakespeare in the Parque, a non-profit cultural arts organization in Alexandria, Virginia, for which he served as a donor and pro bono attorney. He has also been active with the Jefferson County Historical Society of Charles Town, West Virginia, as both a member and pro bono attorney.

Bill is an avid swimmer and hiker and also enjoys playing a spirited game of tennis or basketball when the weather is not too hot. He also spent many years working with the Alexandria Soccer Association where he served as a coach and referee.

ACCOLADES

- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars (2013-23)