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Practice Areas

Intellectual Property Protection
 Private Equity

Education

Harvard Law School
 JD, *cum laude*

University of California at Berkeley
 MS, Mechanical Engineering

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 BS, Mechanical Engineering

Admissions

Massachusetts
 U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
 Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, Southern
 & Eastern Districts of New York

Cecilia Vega helps clients to maximize the value of their intellectual property assets by providing insights and advice on commercial contracts, joint ventures, M&A transactions generally, and trademark/IP protection. With deep experience working as senior in-house IP and transactions counsel to both General Electric and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Cecilia has structured, prepared, and negotiated IP and technology aspects of major collaboration agreements, tech transfers, acquisitions, dispositions, and joint ventures across a range of technologies. She also has experience with the full range of issues presented by IT contracts, brand & trademark, software and open source matters.

Representative Engagements

- Prepared a distribution agreement for a European company who Cambridge engaged to sell its medical devices in Europe.
- Prepared a domestic sales representative agreement for a domestic company to promote the sales of its medical equipment within the United States.
- Acquisition by merger involving an electronics company that operates in the industrial and defense industries.
- Series B and Series C financings of an oncology therapeutics and a biotech company by major hedge funds.
- Representation of a healthcare-related software company in its investment in a private equity portfolio company.
- Sale of GE Life Sciences (Biopharma) business to Danaher \$21B: IP Cross License Agreement, schedules and exclusive license, Transitional Trademark License Agreement, GE-owned Software license to Biopharma, GE Global Research Agreements.
- Sale of GE Life Sciences (Biopharma) Invitro Forensics business to Qiagen: Patent sale, patent license, resolved commitments under government contracts.
- Merger and sell down of GE's interest in Baker Hughes \$7.4B: Transaction Agreement and Plan of Merger, Digital Agreement, Intercompany Services Agreement, Non-compete Agreement and Supply Agreement.
- Sale of GE Water business to Suez Water Technologies \$3.4B: Stock and Asset Purchase Agreement, GE Research Division Agreement (employment, data transfer, sale of equipment).
- Outsourcing of GE Corporate Tax division to PWC: Transaction Agreement, IP Transfer and License Agreement, Services Agreement and Escrow Agreement.

- Merger of Service Max with GE Digital business \$915 MM: Merger Agreement including investment by GE Ventures unit, trademark, software review/remediation.
- Sale of GE Transportation to Wabtec: Formation of SpinCo, Merger Agreement, Separation Agreement, Horizontal IP License.

Other Representations

- Represent a cross-border life sciences company in connection with a series of licensing transactions of their core technology.
- Assisted a US-based medical device company with preparation of a distribution agreement with a European distributor.
- Agreements for GE Ventures (incubator and launch engine for startups and minority investments at GE), invitro diagnostics, aviation, oil & gas, digital and transportation technologies.
- Monetization of Life Sciences patents used in surgery, Investment in a healthcare consultancy with private equity, NIH research agreement and collaboration with GE Healthcare and GE Research divisions.
- Second chair in two federal patent trials in District of Delaware and Eastern district of PA.
- Drafted and prosecuted patents in mechanical and electrical fields.

Publications and Presentations

- “Obtaining Investment for Life Sciences Companies: Best Practices for Securing Funding and Negotiating Term Sheets,” moderator, IPWatchdog Life Sciences Masters, October 2022
- “Boston Firm Choate Adds Ex-GE Counsel To IP Group,” featured, *Law360*, June 2021

Professional and Community Involvement

- Co-chair, M&A Committee, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Pro Bono Counsel, Youth Advocacy Foundation, Pro Bono Counsel, Boston, MA
- Counsel, representing Boston Public School special ed students in hearings, Edlaw Program, Disrupt School to Prison Pipeline
- Mentor, PowHERful Foundation, New York, NY
- Mentor to diverse law students and prospective students
- Board Chair, Trustee, and member of Governance, Business Development, Audit, Risk and Executive Committees, Woods Services, Langhorne, PA, a healthcare nonprofit for clinical care, educational/ residential services for adults and children with severe neurological disorders

Recognition

- Alumni Leadership Award, GEM Consortium
- Leading IP Strategist, Intellectual Asset Management (IAM)