



# Rolando Medina, PhD

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Rolando Medina has broad experience in intellectual property, including patent prosecution, opinions, due diligence studies, IP counseling and licensing in biotechnology and the medical sciences. Dr. Medina has experience representing academic universities and start-up companies, as well as mid-sized and large biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies. In 2017, he was named to *Who's Who Legal's* list of top Life Sciences transactional attorneys.

## EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh  
School of Law  
JD, 2003, *cum laude*

Yale University  
PhD, 1999, *Neuroscience*  
MPhil, 1996, *Neuroscience*

Westminster College of Salt Lake City  
BS, 1993, *Biology and Chemistry*,  
*magna cum laude*

## PRACTICE FOCUS

### Intellectual Property Protection

Preparation and prosecution of patent applications, portfolio management and counseling, with particular experience in novel genes, antibodies, gene therapy, vaccines, antisense, stem cells, pharmaceutical formulations, peptide and antibody display technologies, nanotechnology, biofuels and potential treatments and diagnostic methods for various diseases.

### Opinions and Due Diligence

Landscape and freedom-to-operate analyses; non-infringement and invalidity opinions; IP due diligence reviews in the context of mergers and acquisitions, venture capital financings, internal audits and licensing.

### Technology Transactions

Negotiating and drafting various technology related agreements, including licenses, material transfer agreements and consulting agreements.

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Dr. Medina was an associate at several Boston law firms where he focused on U.S. and foreign biotechnology patent prosecution, portfolio management, due diligence and opinion analyses and licenses. During law school, he was a research assistant for Professor Karen Engro. His research involved the Americans with Disabilities Act in relation to HIV-based discrimination. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Laboratory of James M. Anderson at Yale University School of Medicine, researching occludin function in epithelial cell tight junctions. As a graduate student in the Laboratory of Catherine H. Berlot at Yale University School of Medicine, his research involved structure/function analysis of the interactions of heterotrimeric G protein subunit, Gq $\alpha$ , with phospholipase C.

**ADMISSIONS**

Massachusetts

U.S. Patent & Trademark  
Office

**PRACTICE AREAS**

Intellectual Property  
Protection

Life Sciences

**REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS**

- Managed and counseled on complex patent portfolios related to products in clinical trials for mid-sized biotech company.
- Performed due diligence and negotiated and drafted complex license agreement on behalf of start-up public company.
- Created strategic patent portfolio for start-up biofuel company leading to successful financing round.
- Assisted mid-sized biotech company with license and transfer of technology for creation of joint venture.
- Assisted in obtaining patent term extension due to regulatory delay for mid-sized biotech company.

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- “The Noneffect of Myriad on Personalized Medicine,” *co-author, IP Law360*, July 2013.

**PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Dr. Medina is a member of the Boston Bar Association, the Boston Patent Law Association, and is a former co-chair and board member of the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association. Dr. Medina currently serves on the BBA’s Diversity & Inclusion Section Steering Committee.