

## Melissa Schwaller, Ph.D.

Senior Attorney

Houston

### Biography

Melissa focuses her practice on intellectual property within the life science and chemical industries. She has broad experience protecting intellectual property related to biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and plants.

She assists clients in seeking and maintaining patent and trademark protection and provides opinions regarding intellectual property issues. She has particular experience in freedom-to-operate, due diligence, and patentability opinions as well as post grant proceedings. Melissa has represented clients before the Patent and Trial Appeal Board. Additionally, Melissa prepares and reviews agreements regarding intellectual property rights.

Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, Melissa was a partner at an intellectual property firm in Houston. Melissa earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Baylor College of Medicine, where she studied protein folding. Melissa has authored multiple scientific publications and legal articles.

### Representative experience

Prepared and prosecuted patent applications directed to small molecule drugs.

Prepared and prosecuted patent applications directed to biologics.

Represented a large pharmaceutical client in obtaining U.S. and foreign patent protection.



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### Practices

Intellectual Property

Patents

IP and Technology Transactions

Designs

Trade Secrets and Confidential Know-how

Trademarks and Brands

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### Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Energy and Natural Resources

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### Areas of focus

Post-Grant Proceedings

Performed freedom-to-operate analysis on orthobiologics.

Represented a large agrochemical and agricultural corporation in litigation regarding ownership of patent directed to crops genetically modified for herbicide resistance.

## Latest thinking and events

### ■ News

- Beyond Earth's Gravity

### ■ Insights and Analysis

- Beyond Earth's Gravity: Navigating legal hurdles in space-based drug research and development

### ■ Press releases

- Hogan Lovells advises Omega Therapeutics on research collaboration transaction with Novo Nordisk and Flagship Pioneering

Medical Devices

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology

Cell, Tissue, and Gene Therapies

Strategic Counseling and Portfolio Development

Licensing and Commercial Transactions

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 2004

Ph.D. Biochemistry, Baylor College of Medicine, 2000

M.A. Biochemistry, University of South Dakota, 1994

B.S. Biology, University of South Dakota, 1992

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### Memberships

Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

Member, Association of University Technology Managers

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### Bar admissions and qualifications

Texas

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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### Court admissions

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

