



Amy Fix has spent many years helping clients protect pharmaceutical, agricultural and polymer technologies, and is notably skilled in the growing sector of small-molecule drug development. With a career that has included in-house patent counsel positions within the Research Triangle Park (RTP), Amy understands the core business issues her clients face.

Amy's clients range from large international pharmaceutical corporations to smaller companies producing innovative drugs and drug products. She prepares and prosecutes domestic and international patent applications and provides counseling and strategic guidance to build commercially valuable patent portfolios.

A significant portion of Amy's practice also involves conducting due diligence reviews for licensing or acquisition of therapeutics for human and animal health, including negotiating and drafting resulting agreements. Moreover, Amy provides due diligence support and coordination of collaborative relationships, including assumed responsibility for existing portfolios. She advises on the prosecution of patents subject to joint development arrangements to maximize commercial prospects for all parties involved.

Amy has managed global patent portfolios for multiple pharmaceutical, biotech, and veterinary clients across several therapeutic and diagnostic areas, including the original drafting of patent applications for new chemical entities that have gone on to become marketed products. She provides strategic guidance, including freedom-to-operate analyses, and invalidity and non-infringement opinions, as well as life cycle management analyses, product portfolio reviews and litigation support for innovator companies.

Furthermore, Amy advises clients on the regulatory issues associated with the research and development of pharmaceuticals, biologics, medical devices and veterinary products. Her experience includes coordinating regulatory and patent exclusivities, as well as supporting in-house regulatory staff at client companies as development assets move through

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EDUCATION

Campbell University, (J.D.), 1997,
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North Carolina State University, (B.S.),
chemistry, cum laude, 1994

BAR ADMISSIONS

North Carolina
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

LANGUAGES

English

PRACTICES

Biotechnology
Corporate
Emerging Companies and Venture
Capital
Intellectual Property
International IP
IP Strategy and Management
Licensing
Mergers and Acquisitions - Intellectual
Property
Nanotechnology
Opinions
Patent Services - Counseling and
Prosecution
Technology Transactions
Trade Dress
Trade Secrets

the FDA approval process. Amy provides strategic guidance to coordinate Hatch-Waxman patent term extension strategies and other important data and marketing exclusivities.

Clients value Amy's unique perspective that is focused on understanding the science behind an innovation and, more importantly, understanding the intended commercial prospects for the innovation so that, working together, they may create a valuable exclusivity profile unique to each asset.

Informed by time spent in the boardroom and the C-suite, with entities in the greater Raleigh/Durham area, Amy poses the questions other patent lawyers may not think to ask. Regardless of the challenge at hand, Amy is committed to finding patent solutions that are both grounded in science and serve her client's broader business objectives.

Professional and Community Involvement

Council member, North Carolina Bar Association Intellectual Property Section

Advisory board member, City of Raleigh Historic Cemeteries

Member, Intellectual Property Owners Association

2021 Team Retention Chair, Triangle Walk to End Alzheimer's, Alzheimer's Association of Eastern North Carolina

Honors

IAM Patent 1000, 2019-2020, 2022

Triangle Business Journal Women in Business Award, 2021

The Best Lawyers in America, 2022-2024

Trademarks

INDUSTRIES

Agriculture and Food

Life Sciences