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Intellectual Property
Patents

Vanessa is a PhD chemist and registered Canadian patent agent. Her practice focuses on drafting and prosecuting patent applications in the fields of industrial and green chemistry, and developing IP strategies necessary to support the same. Vanessa is recognized for her tendency to dive deeply into the detail of each technology that she is entrusted with.

Vanessa has proficiencies in protecting:

- Chemical processes and compositions (including industrial, mining, and agricultural processes and compositions);
- Food compositions (and methods of making the same);
- Battery and battery recycling technologies;
- Coatings and paints;
- Polymers and foams;
- Carbon-capture technologies;
- Oil and gas technologies;
- and more.

Prior to BLG, Vanessa worked as a patent specialist for a not-for-profit organization committed to the development and commercialization of green(er) chemical technologies. She interfaced with internal members and external counsel to manage the patent portfolio of the not-for-profit organization and its clients.

Experience

- 10+ years experience as a trusted technical and IP specialist, bridging the gap between highly scientific Patentees and often unyielding Patent Offices requirements.
- Drafting and prosecuting patent applications in Canada and across the globe, including the United States, Europe, India, China, Japan, Australia, and beyond.
- Experienced working with subject matter experts, academics, start-ups, SMEs, and multinational companies.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Greening up Canadian patent rights by expediting green technologies", BLG Article, April 2022
- Intellectual Property and the Implementation of Green
- Speaker, "Intellectual Property and the Implementation of Green(er) Technologies: Help or Hindrance?," Making Waves: Environmental Policy and Practical Change, Canadian Association of Environmental Law Societies (CAEL) National Conference, 2017

Education

- PhD, Queen's University, 2013
- B.Sc. (Hons.), Saint Marys University, 2007

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