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Dan is a trusted advisor to clients across the Life Sciences industry, helping them safeguard their critical assets.



Industries

[Life Sciences](#)
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Education

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Dan represents clients in the life sciences and hospital industries, including world-renowned cancer institutions and large health care systems. He focuses on intellectual property law, including patent application preparation and international prosecution.

He has experience in a wide spectrum of life sciences technologies, including immunology (antibodies and chimeric antigen receptor T cells), microbiology (probiotics and recombinant bacteria), genetics (gene editing and RNAi), oncology (immune checkpoint inhibitors and antigen-targeted nanoparticles), molecular diagnostics (biomarkers for disease detection and evaluation), molecular biology (next-generation sequencing and single-cell analysis systems), medical devices (biologically enhanced scaffolds and microfluidics), tissue and cell engineering/regeneration (stem cell technologies), and small molecule therapeutics (new chemical entities for treatment of various diseases), among many others.

Dan also advises clients on performing due diligence evaluations of intellectual property portfolios, including patentability, invalidity, non-infringement, and freedom-to-operate (FTO) analyses. He works with a broad range of clients, including academic institutions, small biotech start-ups, and large pharmaceutical companies, as well as the licensees of these organizations' intellectual property rights

Client Work

Dan's representative matters include:

- Performed a freedom-to-operate analysis for an immunotherapeutic product of a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company.
- Actively involved in the prosecution of complex patent portfolios related to the synthesis of new biomaterials for tissue engineering and drug delivery.
- Completed intellectual property due diligence for the ~ \$40 million sale of a crucial client product to a major nutritional company.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Recognitions

- Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce: Boston's Future Leaders (2016)
- Recognized in Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star (2016–2021)

Boards, Memberships & Certifications

Memberships

- Boston Bar Association
- Boston Patent Law Association
- Sigma XI, the Scientific Research Society

Professional Activities

- Habitat for Humanity Build, Volunteer

Life Beyond the Law

Outside of work, Dan enjoys spending time with family and friends and getting outdoors to ski, hike, and mountain bike.

Bar Admissions

[Massachusetts](#)

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Court Admissions

[US Patent and Trademark Office](#)