

# Polsinelli Grows Patent Roster in St. Louis with Former Life Sciences In-House Counsel Benjamin J. Sodey

**(Sept. 12, 2024)** Am Law 100 firm Polsinelli has welcomed experienced life sciences patent attorney Benjamin J. Sodey as counsel in the firm's [Biotech & Life Science Patent Prosecution Practice](#) and in the St. Louis office. Joining Polsinelli from an in-house role at a major life sciences company, Sodey has more than 20 years of experience in counseling and representing employers and clients in biotechnology and pharmaceutical intellectual property matters. His addition underscores Polsinelli's recent growth of its [life sciences](#) team. The firm added several life sciences-focused shareholders as part of a [major lateral move and Philadelphia office opening last month](#) and recently also added [Chad Landmon as the new Hatch-Waxman & Biologics Practice Chair](#).

"Ben is a highly respected and talented patent attorney with unique prosecution experience, and we could not be more excited to welcome him to our nationwide Biotech team," said Dr. Tara Nealey, Chair of Polsinelli's Biotech & Life Science Patent Prosecution Practice. "With his in-house background managing contentious patent proceedings in multiple jurisdictions across the world, and in patent litigation in private practice, Ben brings valuable insights to the day-to-day needs of our clients and will be a great asset to our practice."

"I am thrilled to be joining Polsinelli's robust Biotech & Life Science Practice Group, and I look forward to helping clients large and small secure, protect and enforce their valuable patent rights," Sodey added.

Sodey is skilled in IP strategy, patent drafting and prosecution, global patent portfolio management, patent licensing, patent litigation and administrative proceedings, and media/communications strategies. He has extensive experience with CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing and cell therapy techniques as well as with small- and large-molecule pharmaceuticals. He received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Syracuse University College of Law and holds a B.A. in Chemistry from Simpson College.

Polsinelli's intellectual property professionals include patent attorneys, patent agents and patent scientists highly experienced in the full range of IP considerations in the biotechnology industry. They assist clients in securing and defending their intellectual property, routinely managing patent estates numbering from a few strategic filings to those in the thousands. They understand that innovation is especially important to companies in the fast-moving biotechnology space, and assist clients to timely capture, leverage, and monetize their technological advancements. Polsinelli's clients also want to understand the patent landscape in which their business operates, and the team is highly experienced in providing patent landscaping, patent clearance and opinions in order to develop strategies for advancing the IP and/or navigating around competitor IP. Polsinelli's Biotechnology and Life Sciences Patent Prosecution Practice is a highly credentialed team trained in a diverse range of life sciences fields, so they can quickly grasp complex discoveries and inventions and appreciate how to protect them.

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