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J. Morgan Kirley likes simplifying issues and finding straightforward solutions. In the complex world of biotech, his clients rely on this approach because true value often depends upon clear communication. Morgan has experience in multiple areas of intellectual property (patents, trademarks and copyrights), particularly including patent due diligence and patent prosecution. His practice focuses on patent due diligence efforts, such as non-infringement, invalidity and freedom-to-operate (FTO) opinions. His practice often involves coordinating with foreign patent counsel around the globe. His experience also includes patent litigation support, patent licensing, patent re-examinations, and appeals before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. While his technical focus is primarily on pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, food science, chemistry, and cellular and molecular biology, Morgan has worked on intellectual property issues in a variety of technical disciplines, including mechanical and software, as client needs have grown.

Education

- University of Michigan (J.D., 2005)
- University of Michigan (B.S., *with high distinction*, 2002)
 - Biochemistry

Bar Admissions

- Missouri, 2005
- Kansas, 2006
- Illinois, 2006
- Admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Memberships

- American Bar Association

Recognition

- Listed No. 34 on the list of the Top 100 Best Performing Attorneys in Biotech, Patexia's Patent Prosecution Intelligence Report, 2025 Edition

Capabilities

- Biosimilars
- Chemical Manufacturing
- Consumer Products & Luxury Goods
- Hatch-Waxman & Biologics
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Counseling & Opinions
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Life Sciences
- Patent Preparation & Prosecution
- Post-Grant Proceedings
- Trademark, Copyright & Branding
- Chemical Intellectual Property
- Technology
- Agribusiness

Publications

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Key tips on how startups can protect their IP

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