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James Balls draws on his background as a patent examiner and research scientist to help domestic and international companies develop strategies for protecting critical intellectual property assets. James has experience in a wide range of technologies. His practice focuses on patent protection in the pharmaceutical, chemical, biotechnology and mechanical arts. James enjoys working with clients to develop, protect and monetize patents that provide real-world value and a competitive edge in the market place.

James has partnered with companies to develop best practices for generating and protecting valuable patent portfolios, and he has provided guidance throughout the introduction of new products into the market. He has also engaged in litigation and counseling matters by providing infringement, validity, clearance and enforceability opinions. He has litigation experience involving Abbreviated New Drug Application ("ANDA") challenges under the Hatch-Waxman Act. In addition to his work with chemical and pharmaceutical products, James also has experience developing and protecting new food products, cosmetics, semiconductors and medical devices.

Before his law career, James was as a research scientist at a pharmaceutical company in Japan. He worked primarily in the discovery and development of new prescription drugs and the development of over-the-counter vitamin and energy drinks.

James also worked for an aerospace and ammunitions company where he was responsible for managing a team of technicians carrying out chemical testing on propellants used in government defense missiles and NASA space shuttles.

Education

- University of Utah (J.D., 2005)
 - Outstanding Achievement Award in Biotechnology & Chemical Patent Law
- Utah State University (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2000)
 - Chemistry

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia, 2008

Capabilities

- Chemical Intellectual Property
- Patent Preparation & Prosecution
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Hatch-Waxman & Biologics
- International
- International Intellectual Property
- International Patent Filings & Strategy
- Intellectual Property

- Admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 2005
- Utah, 2005

Recognition

- Selected by *Super Lawyers* as a "Rising Star", 2015