

PATENT AGENT/TECHNICAL CONSULTANT, TORONTO

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POSITION OVERVIEW

We are currently seeking a patent agent or technical consultant to join our dynamic and fast paced patent practice in Toronto. The ideal candidate will have advanced academic training and experience in molecular and cellular biology and genomics, along with some experience or strong interest in working with patents in the United States and/or in Canada. The role is best suited to an individual who thrives in a fast paced environment. You will frequently be required to manage competing priorities and to work under tight timelines. You must also be willing to learn and develop, and have a strong sense of initiative and personal accountability. You must have excellent judgment, attention to detail, organizational skills, and superior communication skills.

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Some experience or strong interest in patents, with exposure to some or all of the following helpful:
 - drafting, filing and prosecuting patent applications, and advising on validity, patentability, freedom-to-operate and infringement of intellectual property rights
 - experience working directly with clients and counselling them on strategies for building and aligning patent portfolios with business objectives and developing strong in-house processes to stimulate and capture innovation Perform IP due diligence with respect to third party licensing and acquisition projects
- Understands the “bigger picture” and analyzes problems thoroughly
- Strong written, oral and communication skills
- Applies business, legal and scientific skills to provide practical solutions to client's issues
- Be a registered Patent Agent or have a strong desire to become an Agent

Interested candidates should forward their resume in confidence to Kimberly Sheldrake-Head at ksheldrake@torys.com. We foster an inclusive and accessible environment and are committed to providing support to applicants and firm members with disabilities. If you require immediate accommodation at any time during the recruitment process, please contact Kimberly Sheldrake-Head, Senior Manager, Professional Resources.