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Experience

Melanie Szweras is a partner with Bereskin & Parr LLP. Melanie's practice focuses on biotechnology and pharmaceutical patents including drafting and prosecution of such applications; providing validity and freedom to operate opinions as well as patent litigation matters.

Melanie lectures on aspects of Biotechnology and The Application Process at the University of Toronto's Patent & Trade Secrets Law course and Osgoode Hall's LLM Patent Law course. Melanie is a past Chair of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada's (IPIC) Biotechnology Patents Committee. Melanie is also a Co-Chair of the Case Law Reviews Subcommittee for the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Biotechnology Committee.

Melanie received numerous awards throughout her education including the Medical Research Council Studentship and a University of Toronto Open Scholarship. She was also the Bronze Medalist for her class of 2003 at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Recent Articles

- Patenting Diagnostic Methods in Canada: A Glimmer of Light From our Southern Neighbours?
- 2018 Year in Review: Life Sciences
- The New United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement – Positive for Patent Protection
- Life Sciences - 2016 Year in Review
- Medical Diagnostics Patenting Faces Increased Challenges in Canada

Accolades

- 23 Bereskin & Parr Professionals Listed in 2019 Best Lawyers in Canada
- Seven Bereskin & Parr Professionals Recognized in 2019 Expert Guide: Women in Business Law
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Practice Groups

Cannabis
Licensing & Transactions
Life Sciences
Litigation
Patents
Plant Breeders' Rights

Education

LL.B., Osgoode Hall Law School, 2003
Ph.D. (Genetics), University of Toronto, 2000
B.Sc. (Genetics), University of Toronto, 1994

Qualifications

Registered Canadian Patent Agent, 2006
Registered United States Patent Agent, 2006
Admitted to the Ontario Bar, 2004

Professional Memberships

American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC), Fellow
Toronto Intellectual Property Group (TIPG)



- Bereskin & Parr Shortlisted for Diversity and Women in Business LMG Awards and Six Professionals Nominated for Specialty Practices in IP