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Kelly Echols is an experienced patent attorney focused on advising clients and inventors as it relates to the chemical arts. He primarily counsels clients in the life sciences and industrial chemistry sectors, including pharmaceutical, medical device, diagnostic, waste conversion, cleantech, battery component and chemical companies.

Kelly enjoys developing creative global patent portfolio strategies that maximize product value. Additionally, he has significant experience advising clients on intellectual property in the context of transactions and is skilled in addressing the myriad complexities such deals can present. He draws upon his prior experience in-house as Director of Contracts and Patent Counsel for a major biopharmaceutical company, to assist clients in protecting their most critical products and assets.

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BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Kelly was a partner at a regional law firm where he served as co-chair of the Energy Technologies Working Group. Before that, he spent five years working with a major biopharmaceutical company based in Salt Lake City, Utah. He has prior experience in private practice and was an intern for the Hon. Randall R. Rader in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

EDUCATION

- Brigham Young University (J.D., 2005)
- Brigham Young University (B.S., 2002)
 - Chemical Engineering

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Salt Lake City Chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society (Board Member)
- BioUtah Business and Legal Issues Committee (Former Member)
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers (Member)
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (Member)
- Intellectual Property Section of the Utah State Bar (Member)

CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Intellectual Property
Patent
Technology Transactions
Emerging Companies
Energy and Utilities
Health Care and Life Sciences
Technology

ADMISSIONS

Utah
U.S. District Court, District of Utah
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

- Bench to Bedside Competition (Judge, 2019-2020)

EXPERIENCE

Global Technology Protection Strategies

Devised and implemented global strategies for protecting repurposed and new chemical entity drugs.

Global Strategy for Chemical, Battery-Related Patent Portfolios

Devised and implemented global strategies for numerous intertwined patent portfolios for chemical and battery-related technologies.

Patent Prosecution Strategies Maximizing Patent Term Adjustment

Implemented prosecution strategies to maximize patent term adjustment resulting in key patents issuing with years of additional patent term.

Evaluated IP, Potential Risks in Context of Acquisitions

Evaluated intellectual property relating to numerous potential acquisitions and analyzed patent infringement risks regarding such acquisitions.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

April 23, 2021

The Hydrogen Rainbow: Elected Officials Focus on Green

POWER Magazine

November 7, 2017

Practitioner Insights: Forward With Solar, Storage in Puerto Rico

Bloomberg BNA Environment