

## SHAWN P. FOLEY

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With more than three decades of intellectual property law under his belt, Shawn P. Foley is one of the most in-demand patent attorneys in the industry. The George Mason graduate has developed a strong reputation for his expertise in small molecule and biological therapeutics, including in relation to SARS Co-V diagnosis and therapy, therapeutic nucleic acids, vaccine formulations and gene therapy.

Foley designs and implements global patent strategies and advises with respect to third party patents for clients who are creating specific scientific breakthroughs in cutting-edge technology areas. From Fortune 500 companies to nonprofit universities to high-tech startups, prestigious clients around the world turn to Foley's skill set to protect their complex and potentially groundbreaking discoveries while paving paths to commercialization.

Foley represents Janssen, Johnson & Johnson's global health care subsidiary, in evaluating new and emerging technologies and advises the company on the scope, strengths and weaknesses of IP rights held by other companies, as well as the potential risks in commercializing associated products in development from the standpoint of third-party patent holdings. He also works with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, one of the world's foremost research institutions, on global patent protection for its discoveries.

Foley's work with startups has involved a wide spectrum of technologies including gene therapy to treat cognitive impairment, neurodegenerative illnesses and diseases that impair motor function. Two of the companies he works with are developing small molecule therapeutics to treat depression and anxiety while another is involved in commercial applications of plant extracts and yet another is examining cardiovascular GI tract diseases.

Employing a unique combination of patent industry depth, business savvy and legal acumen, Foley has assisted in fields ranging from life sciences to pharmaceuticals to industrial enzymes. A consummate problem-solver, he is known for being forthright and unafraid to tell clients precisely what they need to know.

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### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Chair, Burns & Levinson's Life Sciences Group; Partner, Burns & Levinson; former examiner, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; former co-IP counsel, Ciba-Geigy; nominated for top speaker, CAR-TCR Summit