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Education: Boston University School of Law; J.D., 1996; University of California, San Diego Ph.D.,; Physiology and Pharmacology, 1987; University of California, San Diego; B.A., Biology, 1982

Experience: Genentech; Genencor; Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe, LLP; Arnold & Porter, LLP

Since 1996, Vickie's practice has focused on worldwide patent preparation and prosecution, strategic counseling, licensing assistance, and due diligence portfolio reviews to life sciences and pharmaceutical companies, academic institutions, and venture capital groups. Vickie's practice also includes litigation support, the preparation of patentability, freedom-to-operate, and non-infringement opinions.

Vickie had a long in-house career prior to joining FisherBroyles. She was involved from idea to commercialization in biofuels, protein engineering, enzymology and fermentation technologies. She also has extensive experience in the area of therapeutic and diagnostic antibodies such as human, humanized, and non-human antibodies with application in the treatment, prevention, and/or diagnosis of cancer, inflammatory diseases, infectious diseases, and neurological diseases.

Vickie has also been involved in the defense of client portfolios in the courts as an active member of a litigation team. She has also been involved in post-grant invalidation procedures both at the United States Patent and Trademark Office and at foreign patent offices (Europe and China). She has also instituted actions against competitors when necessary to ensure a client's interest is protected.

Vickie received her Ph.D. in Physiology and Pharmacology from the University of California, San Diego. She then began her intellectual property career as a scientific liaison in Tulane University's Office of Technology Transfer. Subsequently, she earned her J.D. from Boston University School of Law. She has worked in large and small law firms. Dr. Brewster gained business experience in-house first at Genencor, a leading biotechnology company in the area of protein engineering and cellulosic biofuels, then at Genentech, a pharmaceutical corporation in the area of immunotherapeutics.

Vickie's objective is to serve the immediate needs and long-term goals of her clients by developing an effective IP strategy that positions them for future success. Vickie has the vision to help decision-makers meet the company's needs and goals.

Presentations & Teaching Experience

- Speaker – *U.S. Biosimilars, Biosimilars 101: Essential Training for EU Pharmaceutical Lawyers on the Relevant US Regulatory and Legal Landscape* – American Conference Institute, Munich, Germany, April 2015.
- Guest Lecturer – *Introduction to Biotechnology Patents* – University of California, Santa Cruz (August 2009; presented to extension students on US and EPO practice)
- Guest Lecturer – *Introduction to Biotechnology Patents* – University of California, Santa Cruz (May 2010; presented to extension students on licensing and government contracts)
- Moderator – Pharmaceutical Patent Protection and Enforcement Conference – Q1 Productions, Baltimore (September 2010)
- Speaker – ALM IP Counsel Forum – San Jose, CA (March 2012)
- Presenter – “Importance of Laboratory Notebooks After the America Invents Act (AIA)” BayBio Lunch & Learn: *Why Lab Notebooks Matter After the America Invents Act (AIA)*, South San Francisco, CA, August 1, 2013

Publications

- Brett N. Dorny and Victoria Boyd – *Functional Claims in US Patent Practice*, *European Intellectual Property Review* (1995) 17: 29-33.