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Wanli Wu practices in all aspects of patent law with a focus on chemistry and material science related inventions. Wanli has more than 15 years of experience drafting patent applications and obtaining worldwide patents in the fields of small molecules, medical therapeutics, polymers, oil and gas field fluids and applications, hydrocarbon recovery and treatment, batteries, CO2 capture, cosmetics, and specialty chemicals. She has also conducted patentability, product clearance, and patent validity studies and has experience in IP transactions. Prior to becoming a patent lawyer, Ms. Wu was a research chemist for eight years for two global pharmaceutical companies. During that time, she synthesized novel Hepatitis C drug candidates and was an inventor for several patents/applications.

## CAPABILITIES

### Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Biotechnology/Life Sciences
- Patent Prosecution & Protection
- Entrepreneurial Services
- Health Care – Life Sciences Technology & Commercialization
- Chemistry & Materials

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- Connecticut

- United States Patent and Trademark Office

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- New USPTO PCT Informed Examination Request (PIER) Pilot Program Uses PCT Work Product to Streamline U.S. Patent Examination
  *,with Grant M. Ehrlich Ph.D.* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, April 13, 2026
- Plant IP Protections in the U.S.
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 20, 2025
- Southeast-based law firm poaches Cantor Colburn attorneys as part of CT, Northeast expansion
  by Harriet Jones, *Hartford Business Journal*, October 14, 2024 *,with Grant M. Ehrlich Ph.D., Youngmin Lee Ph.D., Helena M. Lovick Ph.D., Samantha Page Ph.D. and Kimberly Vines Ph.D.*
- Stites & Harbison Eyes Conn. Office With Patent Team Pickup
  by Martin Bricketto, *Law360*, September 12, 2024 *,with Grant M. Ehrlich Ph.D., Youngmin Lee Ph.D., Helena M. Lovick Ph.D., Samantha Page Ph.D. and Kimberly Vines Ph.D.*
- Talk of the Town: Stites & Harbison Expands Intellectual Property Practice With Addition of New Attorneys and Patent Agents
  by Editor, *Attorney At Law Magazine*, September 11, 2024 *,with Grant M. Ehrlich Ph.D., Youngmin Lee Ph.D., Helena M. Lovick Ph.D., Samantha Page Ph.D. and Kimberly Vines Ph.D.*
- Comiskey Revisited: Section 101 as Gatekeeper for Patentability Requirements?
  Presenter, 25th Annual Joint Patent Practice Seminar, April 30, 2009
- Novel inhibitors of hepatitis C NS3-NS4A serine protease derived from 2-aza-bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-3-carboxylic acid
  *Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters*, Volume 16, Issue 6, pages 1628-1632, 2006

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Intellectual Property Owners Association
- New York Intellectual Property Law Association

## EDUCATION

- Rutgers School of Law J.D., 2007
- University of Mississippi M.S., Organic Chemistry, 1999

- Nankai University M.S., Chemistry, 1996
- Nankai University B.S., Chemistry, 1993

## BESIDES STITES & HARBISON

Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, Wanli worked as a patent attorney for a full-service law firm and a large IP law firm, representing startups, research institutes, and global companies. Before entering the legal field, she had eight years of research experience as a medicinal chemist for two global pharmaceutical companies. She received the New Jersey Thomas A. Edison Patent Award, the Schering Plough Presidential Award, and the Shinning Performance Award for her research on hepatitis C virus protease inhibitors. In May 2017, she was a voluntary judge for the National Mock Trial. From 2012-13, she was a member of NYIPLA Board of Directors.

## LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese