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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

- 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