



## JOHN A. MORGAN

### ASSOCIATE

#### EDUCATION

Seattle University  
School of Law  
J.D. (*summa cum laude*) 2014

University of Puget Sound  
Biology  
B.S. 2006

#### INDUSTRY GROUPS

Biotechnology  
Pharmaceuticals

#### SERVICES

Patent  
Strategic Counseling

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington  
United States Patent  
and Trademark Office

#### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the  
Western District of  
Washington

#### BACKGROUND

John focuses on biotechnology and life science patent matters, including preparing and prosecuting patent applications, conducting freedom-to-operate analyses, and performing intellectual property due diligence. He received his J.D. *summa cum laude* from Seattle University School of Law (2014) and his B.S. from the University of Puget Sound (2006). Prior to attending law school, John worked as a researcher at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, where he studied cell signaling and neural tissue patterning in the developing vertebrate brain. John's scientific experience also includes investigating cell growth genes in a fruit fly model.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Selected to *Washington Rising Stars*®, 2019

#### EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining Seed IP Law Group, John practiced intellectual property law with another Seattle-area firm, where he prosecuted patents in the biotechnology, medical device, and mechanical fields. He was also involved in a variety of litigation matters, including as a named author of an *amicus curiae* brief submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Biotechnology Industry Organization in *Commil USA, LLC v. Cisco Systems, Inc.* (2015).

During law school, John gained patent prosecution experience working at the University of Washington, at Seattle BioMed (now CIDR), and with a Seattle-area patent attorney. His background in academic research led him to coauthor a paper examining the impact of the America Invents Act (AIA) on non-profit global health research.

#### AFFILIATIONS

John is admitted to the Washington State Bar and is registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. He is a member of the Washington Patent Law Association (WSPLA) and Life Science Washington (formerly Washington Biotechnology and Biomedical Association).

**PUBLICATIONS**

Walsh GS, Grant PK, Morgan JA, Moens CB. Planar polarity pathway and Nance-Horan syndrome-like 1b have essential cell-autonomous functions in neuronal migration. *Development*. 2011; 138:3033–3042.

Morgan, J. and Sandoval, V. "Pacific Northwest Perspective: The Impact of the America Invents Act on Nonprofit Global Health Organizations", 9 *Wash. J. L. Tech. & Arts* 177 (2014).