

# SARAH B. ADRIANO

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## PATENT ATTORNEY

Sarah Adriano provides strategic counseling regarding patent protection in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. She coordinates worldwide patent portfolio strategies, and has advised and rendered opinions on issues of patentability, inventorship, validity, claim scope, infringement, and freedom to operate. She has managed due diligence investigations and pre-litigation analyses. In addition, she represents clients before the U.S. Patent Office including the Patent and Trademark Appeals Board.

She prepares and supervises the prosecution of patent applications throughout the world and has been, and continues to be, involved in oral hearings, opposition and appeal proceedings at the European Patent Office (EPO). Her experience includes immunology, virology, and molecular and cellular biology, including antibody technology, gene cloning and expression, gene therapy, vaccines and diagnostics, inflammatory and autoimmune disease therapies, cancer therapies, small molecules and bioinformatics inventions.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

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- Co-founded boutique Patent Law firms in existence for a total of over 20 years.
- Represented Bristol-Myers to obtain patent protection for Oncia<sup>®</sup> (abatacept) in the US and abroad.
- Represented Bristol-Myers to obtain patent protection for Nulojix<sup>®</sup> (belabetacept) in the US and abroad.
- Represents Bayer to obtain patent protection for their inventions, including in an interference proceeding.
- Represents Universities, generic drug companies and Start-Up companies.
- Former research associate at the City of Hope Cancer Research Center, concentrating on the study of CD10, 1981-1985.

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## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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### Partner

ADRIANO & ASSOCIATES | Pasadena, CA | 2010-Present  
MANDEL & ADRIANO | Pasadena, CA | 1997-2010  
MERCHANT & GOULD | Los Angeles, CA | 1997

### Associate

MERCHANT & GOULD | Los Angeles, CA | 1994-1997  
SHELDON & MAK | Pasadena, CA | 1992-1993  
COOPER & DUNHAM | New York, NY | 1988-1992

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## BAR MEMBERSHIPS

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New York State Bar, First Judicial Department Reg. No. 2322428

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit  
United States Patent and Trademark Office, Reg. No. 34,470

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## EDUCATION

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Juris Doctor | UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO SCHOOL OF LAW | San Diego, CA | 1985-1988  
B.A., Biology | UNIVERSITY OF MAINE | Portland, ME | 1978-1981