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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Agribusiness & Food Production | Energy & Natural Resources | Intellectual Property | Technology | Life Sciences

EXPERTISE

Trademarks | Intellectual Property | Patents | Technology, IP and Privacy

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

British Columbia, 2000

EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of Victoria, 1999
- M.Sc. (biology), University of Waterloo, 1995
- BSc. (microbiology), University of Alberta, 1992

Lisa Sim, a partner at Miller Thomson LLP and leader of the National Patent and Industrial Designs Group, is a seasoned intellectual property lawyer. Specializing in safeguarding and optimizing clients' intellectual assets, Lisa is a registered patent agent in both Canada and the United States, as well as a registered Canadian trademark agent. Her comprehensive knowledge and experience include securing patent, industrial design,

and trademark protections globally, advising on IP management and commercialization, and managing IP conflicts. Lisa's client base includes SMEs, universities, research bodies, and individual inventors, for whom she tailors pragmatic and cost-efficient legal solutions that align with their business goals, a dedication that has earned her accolades in prestigious legal directories such as The Best Lawyers in Canada. Before delving into law, Lisa completed graduate work in the life sciences, subsequently accumulating years of experience as IP counsel across leading IP law firms, before joining Miller Thomson.

Lisa's academic background and contributions through presentations and publications showcase her commitment to thought leadership in intellectual property law. Her presentations at esteemed venues and insightful publications exhibit her dedication to sharing knowledge and experience within the legal and academic spheres.

Lisa's professional affiliations and achievements underscore her skillfulness and dedication to the legal realm. She is a member of various reputable bodies like the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada, International Trademark Association, and the College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents. In addition, her recognition in The Best Lawyers in Canada for Intellectual Property Law and Information Technology Law reflects her outstanding legal prowess.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Intellectual Property Law, 2019 – 2025; Information Technology Law, 2021 – 2022, 2024 – 2025
- Registered Patent Agent, Canada and the United States
- Registered Trademark Agent, Canada
- Miller Thomson Executive Committee
- Training Committee, Canadian Glycomics Network (GlycoNet), 2016 – 2019

Thought leadership

Presentations

- "Patents in the Research Environment," Canadian Glycomics Symposium, May 2016
- "Managing and Protecting Intellectual Assets," co presented with Aiyaz Alibhai, Miller Thomson webinar, September 2015
- "Intellectual Property: Who Owns It," Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba, June 2013
- "Turning Innovation into Revenue: Strategic Use of Patents and Trade Secrets," entrepreneurship@UBC, June 2012

- “Strategic Use of Intellectual Property,” co presented with Clare Salisbury and Karen Binder, Investor Ready Workshop, Vancouver, Feb 23, 2012
- “Patents: The Importance of Good Research Practices,” Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Graduate Program, University of British Columbia, May 2012, 2013, 2014
- “Patents: The Importance of Good Research Practices,” Alberta Glycomics Centre Workshop, University of Alberta, February 2013
- “Ownership and Protection of Intellectual Property and Knowledge Capital,” Advanced Human Resources Management in a Hot Economic Climate, Insight Conference, November 2006

Publications

- “Canadian First Filing: Something Worth Considering,” co-authored with Daniel Polonenko, *Life Sciences & Law Current Issues*, 2014
- “A Balancing Act: Innovation and the Regulatory-Approval Exemption,” co-authored with Gloria Hsi, *Life Sciences & Law Current Issues*, 2013
- “Don’t Delay: Global Considerations For Patent Assignments,” co-authored with Gloria Hsi, *Life Sciences & Law Current Issues*, 2012
- “The U.S. Shift to First-to-File: What it Means for Your Patent Strategy,” co-authored with Emma Macfarlane, *Life Sciences & Current Issues*, 2012

Corporate directorships

- Board of Directors, Zentek Ltd.

Memberships & affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Intellectual Property Institute of Canada
- International Trademark Association
- College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents (CPATA), licensed patent and trademark agent