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Brent Johnson is a shareholder in the firm's Orange County office. He focuses his practice on intellectual property matters. Areas of practice include patent prosecution, BPAI post grant proceedings, IP due diligence, Import/Export issues related to IP, and client counseling, particularly in the areas of pharmaceutical technologies, medical devices and other chemistry-related technology.

Dr. Johnson manages and procures IP portfolios in the life sciences and other chemistry and material-based technologies. Previously, he was a partner at a large international law firm, and a patent attorney at another high end IP Southern California-based boutique firm. He began his IP career as a patent agent at Allergan, Inc., where he managed patent portfolios for pharmaceutical products representing about \$1 billion in annual sales, such as Lumigan®, Alphagan®, Combigan®, Restasis®, and others. Prior to his legal career, Dr. Johnson worked as a research chemist at an LA-based chemical company. He earned a Ph.D. at UCLA, where he studied the influence of quantum mechanical tunneling in a photochemical hydrogen transfer reaction for various ortho-methylarylketones that he synthesized.

Education

- J.D., Whittier Law School
- Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles, Chemistry
- B.S., Brigham Young University, Chemistry

Practice Focus

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- Patent Prosecution
- Post Grant Proceedings
- Freedom to operate
- Due diligence
- Infringement
- Validity
- IP-Related Import/Export

Technical Experience

- Pharmaceuticals
- Ophthalmics
- Life Sciences
- Medical devices
- Drug delivery systems
- Prostaglandins
- Retinoids
- Alpha adrenergics
- Cannabinoids
- Organophosphorous compounds
- NSAIDS
- Steroids
- Cyclodextrins
- Cyclosporins
- Opioids
- Neurotoxins
- Semiconductors
- Photocatalysts
- Light-emitting materials
- Charge transport materials

- Ceramics
- Graphenes
- Polymers
- Coatings
- Adhesives
- Surfactants
- Halocarbons
- Rocket fuels

Professional Admissions & Associations

- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- California State Bar
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- American Chemical Society

Awards & Recognition

- Patexia Insights – Ranked #13, *Best Performing Attorney in Biotech*
- Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars (2014-2018)

Representative Matters

- Patent No. 9,309,237 “HIV inhibitors”
- Patent No. 7,399,868 “4-(Heteroaryl-methyl and substituted heteroaryl-methyl)-imidazole-2-thiones Acting as Alpha 2 Adrenergic Agonists”
- Patent No. 7,323,463 “Combination of Brimonidine and Timolol for Topical Ophthalmic Use”
- Patent Publication No. 20100213831 “Ambipolar Host In Organic Light Emitting Diode”
- Patent No. 7,763,341 “Filled Polymer Composite and Synthetic Building Material Composition
- BioMagic, Inc. v. Dutch Brothers Enterprises – patent license arbitration and patent infringement lawsuit related to odor control compositions

