

Director, Intellectual Property

Company

Visterra is a clinical stage biotechnology company committed to developing innovative antibody-based therapies for the treatment of patients with kidney diseases and other hard-to-treat diseases. Our proprietary technology platform enables the design and engineering of precision antibody-based product candidates that specifically bind to, and modulate, key disease targets. Applying this technology to disease targets that are not adequately addressed by traditional therapeutic approaches, we are developing a robust pipeline of novel therapies for patients with unmet needs.

Visterra's exciting pipeline includes VIS410, a human monoclonal antibody designed to offer truly broad-spectrum treatment of influenza A that is currently in clinical trials; VIS513, a monoclonal antibody to treat all four serotypes of dengue virus; VIS649, a monoclonal antibody in development as a treatment for Immunoglobulin A nephropathy, and several other early stage candidates targeting infectious diseases, cancers and kidney disease.

Visterra is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Otsuka America, Inc., which is a U.S. holding company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. of Japan. Visterra has approximately 70 employees and is located in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Summary

Visterra is seeking a highly talented and motivated Director, Intellectual Property, to serve as the company's sole in-house intellectual property attorney responsible for managing the company's intellectual property portfolio. This newly created position will report to the Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel. This is a full-time position located at Visterra's offices in Waltham, MA.

Responsibilities

- Developing and implementing strategy for intellectual property relating to Visterra's platform technologies, pipeline programs and product candidates.
- Working closely with research and development teams to identify and protect patentable inventions and other intellectual property.
- Drafting, reviewing and prosecuting patent applications.

- Ensuring appropriate trade secret protections.
- Performing and overseeing patentability and freedom-to-operate analyses of Visterra and third-party intellectual property.
- Conducting intellectual property diligence analysis for business development projects.
- Managing Visterra's trademark portfolio.
- Reviewing proposed abstracts, manuscripts, posters and other disclosures for intellectual property purposes.
- Providing intellectual property support and advice for business arrangements and agreements.
- Counseling and advising research and development colleagues on intellectual property matters.
- Serving as direct liaison with parent-company and affiliate-company IP colleagues, including substantial interactions with US and Japan IP colleagues.
- Efficiently managing external intellectual property legal counsel.
- Providing support for general legal matters.
- Continuing your proven ability to meet deliverables and timelines.
- Performing other duties as required.

Requirements

- JD degree.
- Admitted to practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office and the Massachusetts bar.
- PhD degree in related scientific field.
- 10+ years' experience drafting and prosecuting technology and biologics patent applications, preferably in a large firm and large biotech/pharma company.
- Exposure to intellectual property litigation and understanding of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- Experience managing outside counsel.
- Creative, collaborative approach to problem solving.
- Excellent communication skills, and the ability to clearly articulate complex subject matter.
- Ability to think critically, communicate effectively across broad spectrum of audience both internal and external, and express excellent written skills.
- Ability to think strategically.
- Ability to work independently, meet deadlines and prioritize work effectively.
- Enjoys and thrives in a fast-paced, multi-tasked, and hands-on environment.



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- Willingness to travel up to 15%, both domestically, and internationally to Japan.

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