

Life Sciences Patent Attorney Walter Wu, M.D. Joins Dorsey in Palo Alto

Dorsey & Whitney LLP announced that Walter Wu, M.D., has joined the firm's Patent Group in Palo Alto, California, as a partner.

The firm said Wu specializes in patent prosecution and portfolio strategy for emerging companies in the life sciences, and patent due diligence for life science investors. His clients and target companies are active in the digital health, medical diagnostics, bioinformatics, ophthalmic, wound care and ENT fields. His transactional experience includes Alcon's licensing of the Google Smart Lens technology and Auris Surgical Robotic's acquisition of Hansen Medical. He has developed patent strategies for inter partes reviews and litigation matters involving surgical robots and prosthetic limbs, and is an expert on clinical, marketing and biostatistical issues relating to biotech and pharmaceutical patent litigation, including trial experience in *Pfizer Inc. v. Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd.* involving Lipitor.

He joins Dorsey from Cooley LLP where he was a partner.

Wu received a B.S. degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. He received his medical degree from the UC Davis School of Medicine, where he was a UC Regents Scholar. During medical school, he completed policy fellowships at the National Governors Association and the Food and Drug Administration. He is a licensed physician and was board-certified in internal medicine from 2000 to 2010. Before attending law school, he was a chief resident and clinical instructor at the UCLA School of Medicine. He received his J.D. degree from the UCLA School of Law.

“Walter is one of the most respected medical device patent law experts in Northern California and will be a great addition to the multi-office Dorsey teams serving client needs, both IP and transactional, in the life science fields,” noted Dorsey managing partner Ken Cutler. “The Health Care industry is a key focus sector for Dorsey around the globe. We serve clients in all aspects of that industry, from providers to payers to makers of medical devices and the investors who finance them.”

“I am extremely pleased to be joining Dorsey and its great Firm-wide team of patent and transactional lawyers serving life science clients,” said Wu. “I look forward to serving Dorsey’s exceptional client base and to introducing clients I serve to my new colleagues.”