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Dr. Judy de León Jarecki-Black is an experienced Intellectual Property attorney with over twenty years of experience, including in both private and corporate practice. As the Head of Intellectual Property for Merial Limited (now Boehringer-Ingelheim Animal Health), for 18 years she headed an IP department responsible for developing and implementing a global patent strategy as well as conducting patent prosecution and patent litigation activities both in the US and other countries.

Dr. Jarecki-Black received both a B.S. in Biology and a B.A. in History, with Honors, from the College of Charleston, and was graduated Magna Cum Laude. Her honors thesis was entitled “The Effect of the Black Death on European History”. She received a Ph.D. in Molecular and Cellular Biology & Pathobiology from the Medical University of South Carolina and worked developing human and animal vaccines against infectious diseases, including the recombinant Lyme (OspA) vaccine. Developing a commercial vaccine stimulated her interest in patent law and she received a Juris Doctorate from Georgia State University College of Law. Dr. Jarecki-Black is admitted to practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office as well as state courts in South Carolina and Georgia. Further, she is admitted to several federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Dr. Jarecki-Black has authored twenty-four peer-reviewed publications and over 80 abstracts and presentations. She has received a number of honors including Chief Patent Counsel of the Year for Intellectual Property (ILO Global Counsel Awards); Intellectual Property Community Service Award (GSU College of Law, Atlanta Bar Association, and State Bar of Georgia) and the Pro Bono Award for community service (Atlanta Inn of Court).



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Areas of Practice

Intellectual Property
Patent Law
Patent Prosecution
Biotechnology / Life Sciences
Intellectual Property Litigation
Health Care

Bar Admissions

Georgia
South Carolina
Supreme Court of the United States
South Carolina Court of Appeals
South Carolina Supreme Court
U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Middle
District of Georgia

Georgia Court of Appeals

Georgia Supreme Court

Court of Appeals for the
Federal Circuit

U.S. Patent and Trademark
Office

Memberships

Member, Atlanta IP Inn of Court
Board Member and Attorney
for Northeast Georgia
Animal Shelter

American Chemical Society
Federal Circuit Bar Association
American Bar Association,
Intellectual Property Section

American Bar Association,
Section on Science and
Technology

American Bar Association,
Section on Women and
Minorities

Georgia Bar Association,
Intellectual Property Section

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Section, In-House counsel
committee

South Carolina Bar Association
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Women Business Leaders,
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Health and Society

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