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Maia represents clients in patent and IP litigation and dispute resolution, as well as IP licensing and transactions. She is sought-after for her strategic counseling experience particularly in pre-litigation conflict resolution.

OVERVIEW

Maia focuses her practice on intellectual property litigation and counseling, covering all aspects of intellectual property strategy. This includes strategic counseling at the beginning of product development, commercial transactions involving intellectual property rights, including licensing and joint development agreements, and intellectual property disputes. Maia's client work spans a variety of industries and technologies, including pharmaceuticals, medical devices, food and beverage, universities and research institutions, and semiconductor manufacturing.

Her counseling and transactional practice includes strategic portfolio analysis, diligence, and commercial transactions involving IP rights such as licensing and joint development agreements.

In litigation, Maia is experienced at representing clients in large-scale complex patent and intellectual property litigation, including in international arbitration and federal district courts across the U.S. Maia has also litigated abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) actions and pharmaceutical patents. Many of these matters have involved significant drug products, and she has worked with internationally renowned experts, conducted *Markman* hearings and trials, and consulted with clients on antitrust, FDA, and settlement strategies.

Maia's work also extends to the unique IP issues faced by inventors and companies in startup and research communities. She and other members of the IP team provides a full suite of IP services specific to the needs of universities and research institutions (and related startups), including prosecution and portfolio management and strategy, licensing, and enforcement when necessary.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Litigation

- Represented a medical device manufacturer in a domestic arbitration involving dispute over royalties and IP ownership rights.
- Represented a pharmaceutical client in *Prime European Therapeuticals, S.p.A. v. Novel Laboratories, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:17-cv-01944 (D.N.J.).

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- Represented a retail entity in a patent infringement matter involving a product provided by three separate manufacturers.
- Represented a software manufacturer in trade secret litigation.
- Represented a medical device manufacturer in a global dispute with a foreign distributor, including international arbitration related to distribution agreement terms, a U.S. District Court case involving trade secret misappropriation, and foreign patent litigation involving infringement allegations and related patent invalidity challenges.
- Represented a pharmaceutical client in *Abbott Laboratories v. Biovail Laboratories International SRL et al*., Civil Action No. 2:09-cv-00005 (D.N.J.) (ANDA).
- Represented a university in a dispute with and between university licensees.
- Represented a research institution in international arbitration over ownership and licensing rights to patents involving semiconductor technology.
- Obtained favorable pre-trial resolutions in patent infringement matters involving thin film deposition technology.
- Obtained early and favorable resolution to patent infringement matter on behalf of a medical device manufacturer in case involving surgical method patents owned by a university.
- Represented a pharmaceutical client in *Elan Pharma International Ltd. v. Biovail Laboratories International SRL et al*., Civil Action No. 08-cv-05412 (D.N.J.) (ANDA).
- Represented a respondent in a Section 337 investigation before the ITC involving laser ablation technology; investigation terminated upon complainant's withdrawal of claims.
- Represented an equipment manufacturer in a patent infringement matter involving analytical instruments; case resolved before *Markman* hearing.
- Obtained a favorable jury verdict in a patent infringement matter on behalf of a medical device manufacturer enforcing its patents in a case involving surgical methods.
- Obtained a favorable jury verdict in a patent matter against a non-practicing entity in the Eastern District of Virginia in case involving wireless technology.
- Represented a pharmaceutical client in *Abbott Laboratories v. Biovail Laboratories International SRL et al*., Civil Action No. 1:08-cv-06274 (N.D.IL.) (ANDA).
- Obtained a favorable finding of non-obviousness after a bench trial involving silver halide film patents.
- Represented a telecommunications provider in a patent infringement matter involving VOIP technology; case settled on favorable terms upon transfer of venue from Eastern District of Virginia to the client's home district.

Transactions, Counseling, and Conflict Resolution

- Strategic review of IP portfolios for prospective protection, potential enforcement, and licensing opportunities.
- Assistance with IP due diligence related to potential transactions and/or licensing offers.
- Advice and counsel on drafting and management of confidentiality obligations as part of joint development projects or other collaborative relationships.
- IP licensing advice, counsel, strategy, and negotiations.
- Pre-litigation advice, counsel, and dispute resolution related to ownership, infringement, and licensing disputes.
- Advice and counsel on IP strategy and information disclosure practices for early-stage companies.

AWARDS

- *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyer (2026) – independently rated lawyers
- *Boston Magazine*, Top Lawyers List, Intellectual Property Rights (2022)
- *Managing Intellectual Property*: IP Star (2013, 2014, 2017, 2019-2022, 2025-2026)
- *IP Stars-Top 250 Women in IP* (2013, 2014)

- Selected for inclusion on the 2005-2007 *Massachusetts Rising Stars* lists

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Health Care + Life Sciences Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property
- International Arbitration
- Patent Litigation

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Academic + Research Institutions
- Digital Health
- Educational Institutions
- Health Care + Life Sciences
- Health Care + Life Sciences Intellectual Property
- ITC Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- International Arbitration
- Life Sciences Transactions
- Patent Litigation

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Life Science Cares Board Leadership, 2024
- Member, Boston Patent Law Association
- Member, Massachusetts Biotechnology Council
- Member, Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Medical Device Industry Council (MassMEDIC), 2014-2018

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Harvard Law School, J.D., 2000
- University of Rochester, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1995

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

LANGUAGES

- Russian (fluent)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Panel II: Trade Secret Enforcement," 2026 Intellectual Property Practice Group Meeting, October 5, 2026.
- Speaker, "Skinny Labelling of Generic Drugs,"ACC Greater Philadelphia Chapter 18th Annual In-House Counsel Conference 2026, April 16, 2026.
- Speaker, "Arbitrating Collaboration and Licensing Agreements," Troutman Pepper Locke International Arbitration Forum, May 14, 2026.
- Panelist, "Protecting Software as a Medical Device: Patents, Design Patents, and Trade Secrets," Strafford CLE webinar, October 1, 2024.
- Speaker, "The Resolution of Technology Disputes Through International Arbitration," Penn Carey Law International Arbitration Association Annual Conference 2024, March 29, 2024.
- Speaker, "The Shadow on the Walls – Who Has the Power in Your License?," AUTM 2024 Annual Meeting, February 21, 2024.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Federal Circuit Decision Clarifies Obviousness-Type Double Patenting and Patent Term Adjustments in *Allergan v. MSN Laboratories*," *The Intellectual Property Strategist*, September 1, 2024.
- Co-author, "Federal Circuit Decision Clarifies Obviousness-Type Double Patenting and Patent Term Adjustments in *Allergan v. MSN Laboratories*," *Troutman Pepper*, August 21, 2024.
- Podcast, "Discretionary Denials at the PTAB: What to Expect?" *Patents: Post-Grant Podcast*, August 11, 2022.
- Co-author, "The Power of Process Patents at the International Trade Commission," *Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal*, April 2022.
- Podcast, "Secondary Considerations of Non-Obviousness," *Patents: Post-Grant Podcast*, December 14, 2021
- Podcast, "Motions to Amend: PTO Pilot Program Extended," *Patents: Post-Grant Podcast*, October 6, 2021
- Podcast, "Never Surrender? Recapturing Subject Matter in Reissue Proceedings," *Patents: Post-Grant Podcast*, August 26, 2021.
- Podcast, "Drilling Down: Real Parties in Interest and Time Bars," *Patents: Post-Grant Podcast*, August 2, 2021
- Podcast, "Supplemental Examination: A Tool Worth Further Consideration," *Patents: Post-Grant Podcast*, July 1, 2021.
- Podcast, "IPR Institution and Early Intervention," *Patents: Post-Grant Podcast*, May 24, 2021.
- Podcast, "Enforcing IP in a Pandemic: Considerations, Risks, Strategies," October 27, 2020.
- Co-author, "Compulsory IP Licenses for COVID-19 Relief: Beyond the Defense Protection Act," *Pepper Hamilton*, April 28, 2020.
- Co-author, "Best Ways to Use Patent Venue Discovery After TC Heartland," *Law360*, April 27, 2020.

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- Mentioned, "Harvard Settles Patent Infringement Lawsuit Against Samsung," *The Harvard Crimson*, January 28, 2025.
- Mentioned, "Harvard Settles Lawsuit Against Samsung Over Chip Production Patents," *Reuters*, January 28, 2025.

- Quoted, “Barrett’s Textualist Focus Offers Few Clues on IP Approach,” *Law360*, October 1, 2020.