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OVERVIEW

Tanya is an associate in the firm's Health Care + Life Sciences Department, based in the New York office. Her practice emphasizes U.S. and international patent strategy and procurement as well as due diligence counseling. Tanya has extensive training in the pharmaceutical, biotechnical, and chemical sciences. Her doctoral research at the University of California, Berkeley, focused on chemical synthesis, inhibitor design, assay development, and enzymology. Tanya has also participated in research assignments at Merck & Co., Inc. and Brookhaven National Laboratory.

Additionally, Tanya is the recipient of numerous merit-based distinctions, including a National Institute of Health (NIH) Graduate Research Fellowship and the Merck Science Initiative Award.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch: Life Sciences Practice (2026)*

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Health Care + Life Sciences Intellectual Property

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Health Care + Life Sciences
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- Intellectual Property

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2020, Ruth Whitehead Whaley Scholar

- University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D., chemistry, Chemistry
- Haverford College, B.S., chemistry

BAR ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- New York

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Prosecution History Disclaimer Decision Highlights Risk of Not Contesting Restriction Requirement," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, October 27, 2025.
- Co-author, "Federal Circuit Ruling Broadens Reach of Prosecution History Estoppel to Include Canceled Claims," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, July 25, 2025. Republished in *AIPLA Chemical Practice Chronicles*, Fall 2025.
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- Leavy, T. M.; Bertozzi, C. R. "A high-throughput assay for O-GlcNAc transferase detects primary sequence preferences in peptide substrates." *Biorg. Med. Chem. Lett.* 2007, 17, 3851-3854.
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