



# Lathrop GPM LLP Intellectual Property Group Expands in Boston and Minneapolis

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The firm's Boston office adds a partner, counsel and tech specialist, and the Minneapolis office lands an additional patent counsel.

**BOSTON (April 18, 2023)** — Lathrop GPM LLP is pleased to announce four new additions to the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group in its Boston and Minneapolis offices. Partner Lisa Hillman, Ph.D., Counsel Jennifer Liu, Pharm.D., and Technical Specialist Diane Lebo, Ph.D., all join the firm's Boston office. Counsel Lisbeth C. Robinson, Ph.D., joins the firm's Minneapolis office.

"This is an exciting time of expansion for our IP team," said Kate Tompkins, leader of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group. "The varied and extensive skillsets of these four professionals will further bolster our abilities in patent procurement and litigation in Boston, Minneapolis, and across the U.S. We look forward to providing their insights to our clients in the pharmaceutical, chemical, biotechnology, and medical device fields."

**Lisa Hillman, Ph.D.**, joins the firm as a partner in Boston. Her practice encompasses domestic and foreign patent procurement in the areas of biotechnology and medical devices. She also provides strategic patent counseling including patent portfolio management, patent validity opinions, infringement opinions, freedom-to-operate opinions, and due diligence reviews. Hillman earned her J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law, her Ph.D. in Food Science and Human Nutrition with an emphasis in Molecular Biology and Food Microbiology from the University of Florida, and her B.S. in Microbiology & Public Health and Cellular Biology from the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

**Jennifer Liu, Pharm.D.**, joins the firm as counsel in Boston. Her practice includes patent litigation and patent opinion work involving mRNA vaccines, cancer drugs, antidepressants, and biologics. She has litigated patent matters involving a variety of technologies including pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and medical devices. She earned her J.D. from Fordham University School of Law, which she attended in the evenings while working as a pharmacist. In addition to her J.D., she earned her Pharm.D. from the Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy, as well as an M.S. and a B.S. in Cell and Molecular Biology from Tulane University.



**Lisbeth C. Robinson, Ph.D.**, joins the firm as counsel in Minneapolis. She is a former patent examiner and focuses her practice on patent preparation, prosecution, and analyses. She works with universities, medical device companies, and emerging and established companies in biotechnology on patent drafting, prosecution and counseling in material science, synthetic biology, and crop gene editing. Robinson earned her J.D. from the University of Minnesota School of Law, her Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the University of Minnesota, and her B.S. in Biochemical Sciences from the University of Vermont.

**Diane Lebo, Ph.D.**, joins the firm as a technical specialist in Boston. She has a background in chemistry education and cell and molecular biology research. Lebo earned her Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology from Boston University and her B.S. in Biology Education and Chemistry from Montclair State University.

"IP and life sciences continue to be a key focus of our strategic growth," said Cameron Garrison, managing partner of Lathrop GPM. "Our innovative pricing capabilities and commitment to client service are a great match for the needs of our clients, throughout the United States. We hope to continue to attract this caliber of IP talent across the country."

Lathrop GPM's Intellectual Property Group includes more than 75 practitioners in offices across the U.S. including California, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, and Washington, DC. Thirty of the firm's practitioners hold Ph.Ds., two are M.D.s, and more than 55 percent of the team holds advanced degrees in engineering or life sciences.