



Toby J. Ligon

SENIOR ASSOCIATE

EDUCATION

Seattle University
School of Law
J.D. (cum laude) 2016

Western Washington
University
Chemistry
M.S. 2009

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University
Chemistry
B.S. 2007

INDUSTRIES

Alternative Energy
Biotechnology
Chemistry
Medical Devices
Nanotechnology
Pharmaceuticals

PRACTICES

Patent
Strategic Counseling
IP Agreements & Licensing
IP Litigation & Enforcement

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington
United States Patent
and Trademark Office

BACKGROUND

Toby specializes in patent prosecution of chemistry, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical matters. Toby received his B.S. (2007) and M.S. (2009) degrees, both in Chemistry, from Western Washington University. Toby received his J.D. cum laude from Seattle University School of Law in 2016, where he was honored with the Presidential Scholarship Award and the Washington State Bar Association Intellectual Property Scholarship Award, and made the Dean's List.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch, 2025-2026
- Selected to *Washington Rising Stars*®, 2023-2025

EXPERIENCE

Prior to attending law school, Toby worked at Amgen, the Institute for Systems Biology, and PhaseRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. At Amgen, Toby provided analytical support for protein production and formulation. While at the Institute for Systems Biology, Toby designed, synthesized, and characterized protein modification reagents used to explore protein transcription via mass spectrometric studies. At PhaseRx, Toby synthesized custom monomers and amino acid reagents for proprietary targeting polymers. In addition, Toby has co-authored several research presentations and papers based on his research in synthetic organic chemistry at Western Washington University. Toby has also served as Senior Patent Counsel at Omeros Corporation.

AFFILIATIONS

Toby is admitted to the Washington State Bar and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He is a member of the Washington State Patent Law Association (WSPLA).



PUBLICATIONS

Vyvyan, J. R.; Dell, J. A.; Ligon, T. J.; Motanic, K. K.; Wall, H. S.; "Suzuki-Miyaura cross-coupling of 3-pyridyl triflates with 1-alkenyl-2-pinacol boronates," *Synthesis* 2010.

Vyvyan, J.R.; Dell, J.A.; Ligon, T.J.; "Construction of the Cananodine Bicyclic Skeleton Using an Epoxide Cyclization" 239th ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 21 – 25, 2010.

Vyvyan, J.R.; Ligon, T.J.; Motanic, K.K.; Wall, H.S.; "Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling of Pyridyl 3-Triflates with Alkenyl Boronates" 64th ACS Northwest Regional Meeting, Tacoma, WA, June 28 – July 1, 2009.

Vyvyan, J.R.; Ligon, T.J.; "Recent Progress Toward the Synthesis of Canaodine" 64th ACS Northwest Regional Meeting, Tacoma, WA, June 28 – July 1, 2009.

Vyvyan, J.R.; Ligon, T.J.; Meyer, J.A.; Wall, H.S.; "Suzuki-Type Cross-Couplings of Substituted 3-Pyridyl Substrates" 235th ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 6 – 10, 2008.