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Intellectual Property Boutique

Dierker & Associates, P.C. Gets It Right the First Time

Julia Church Dierker was not looking to start her own law firm, at least not anytime soon. But a chance encounter changed the trajectory of her career.

"I was contacted by an in-house counsel of a Fortune 100 company, who had come across my work while reading through some patent publications related to batteries," Dierker recalls. "He needed someone to write very high quality patent applications for fuel cells and medicine delivery systems, at a reasonable price, and he wanted to know if I was available."

Within a year, by January 2002, Dierker had left the Metro Detroit law firm where she had spent about 13 years as a patent attorney to become a founding shareholder of her own firm. The Fortune 100 company was one of its first clients.



Julia C. Dierker

Dierker and Kavanaugh try to create a personal connection with all their clients, including periodic face-to-face meetings. Many of their inventors are on the West Coast. "They've told us very few, if any, of their attorneys see them in person, and that they really appreciate it," Dierker says.

Juliet R. Kavanaugh, already a patent agent and a top graduate from a Chicago law school, joined the practice in 2003, and Dierker & Associates was well on its way to becoming the respected intellectual property boutique it is today.

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With a diverse clientele that includes major domestic and foreign corporations, smaller companies, universities and solo inventors, the practice is known for its ability to produce work of the highest quality, and at very competitive prices. It has received Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer review rating, AV[®] Preeminent[™], in recognition of its high ethical standards and professional ability. All four attorneys have strong technical backgrounds, with training, practical work experience and/or patent procurement experience in the chemical/electrochemical arts, life sciences, mechanical engineering and other fields.

"We have had the privilege to work with some of the world's leading scientists and engineers on a wide variety of very complex and cutting-edge technologies," Dierker says.

"Our number one priority is making sure clients get the broadest patent protection possible in light of prior patents and other prior publications," adds Kavanaugh, who became an associate shareholder in 2007.

Dierker & Associates has become a go-to firm for companies when they run into complex patent-related problems. "They know if something needs fixing, we can fix it for them," Dierker notes.

Of course, that is not something clients who start out with Dierker & Associates have to worry about. "Our clients know they can count on us to get it right the first time," Dierker says, "and they appreciate it. We are very respectful of their time."



Juliet R. Kavanaugh and Julia C. Dierker

What Clients Are Saying About Julia Dierker and Juliet Kavanaugh

"Thank you both for all your excellent and professional help in deciphering our disclosures into wonderful, well-written patent applications." – Inventor of 181 issued U.S. patents

"I have dealt with many lawyers before, and I was amazed by the quality and professionalism and the depth of knowledge that this law firm has; they made our life a lot easier." – Inventor of 48 issued U.S. patents

"It was a true pleasure working with both of you. We have a great team of support with you two, and I felt you were really trying to do the right thing with our portfolio." – in-house counsel

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