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Serge Shahinian is a partner and patent agent in Lavery's intellectual property group. He is a registered patent agent in Canada and the United States and has been practicing in the intellectual property field since 2000, following prior doctoral and post-doctoral training in biochemistry, biology, and genetics.

Serge's practice includes the areas of biotechnology, pharmaceutical and chemical, covering a wide range of related technologies in the health, agricultural, food, environmental and industrial sciences. He works with a full range of clients including universities and public research institutions, small and medium sized companies, and large multinational corporations, helping them develop and execute intellectual property strategies oriented towards their business goals. His practice includes the procurement of patent rights in domestic and foreign jurisdictions, as well as opinions and counselling in patentability, validity and infringement matters. He also works closely with our litigation group providing support on patent matters. He further has experience in due diligence in the context of transactions and financing in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical sectors.

Serge is recognized as one of the World's Leading Patent Professionals, **IAM Patent 1000**, 2019.



Publications

- Shahinian, S. and Carpentier, M., Jurisclasseur Québec – Propriété Intellectuelle – Fascicule 22 – “*Formalités et processus administratif du dépôt*”, 2013-present, Lexis Nexis
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Practice areas

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Conferences

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- █ “(Show Me the Money!) Monetizing Intellectual Capital and Intangible Assets”, 93rd IPIC Annual Conference, September 2019
- █ “Opposing Patents on Opposite Sides of the World”, 92nd IPIC Annual Conference, October 2018
- █ “CA Update: Life Sciences”, FICPI ABC 2017 Conference, Miami, March 2017
- █ “Patentability: Dealing with Challenges in IT and Life Sciences”, 90th IPIC Annual Meeting, September 2016
- █ “What is Considered Patent Prior Art in the ABC Countries: A Comparative Review”, FICPI ABC 2016 Conference, Wales, June 2016
- █ “Patent Agent Exam Prep: Paper B & Paper D”, IPIC, March 22, 2017, and March 11, 2016 (webinar)
- █ “Strategies for Securing Patent Protection in Europe”, IPIC, October 16, 2013 (webinar)
- █ “Too much? Too little? Just right? Increased Scrutiny of the description and the goldilocks syndrome”, 87th IPIC Annual Meeting, September 2013
- █ “US Supreme Court Decision– Association for Molecular Pathology c. Myriad Genetics, Inc.” IPIC, July 9, 2013 (webinar)
- █ “The promise in Canadian patents, a recipe for disaster?”, joint presentation by Shahinian, S. and Gravelle, L.-P., at the FICPI ABC 2013 Conference, New Orleans, May 2013
- █ “Myriad Genetics and Patenting Human Genes”, Shahinian S. and Gold, R., Conference on McGill Podcasts, McGill University, Montreal, June 2013
- █ “The evolution of patenting in the life sciences: Where have we come from and where are we going?”, Centre for Intellectual Property Policy, Faculty of Law, McGill University, Montreal, January 2013
- █ “Ownership and Transfer of IP Rights in Technology Transfer”, IPIC, October 6, 2011 (webinar)
- █ “Managing Your Client Relationships”, IPIC, June 9, 2011 (webinar)
- █ “Patenting diagnostic inventions: An international perspective”, with Julie Gauvreau, AUTM 2011 Annual Meeting, February 27-March 2, 2011, Las Vegas, NV (poster presentation)
- █ “Workshop on career development”, ENU-CTG, McGill University, December 10, 2010 (panel presentation)
- █ “The art of protecting life science inventions”, AUTM 2010 Annual Meeting, March 18-20, 2010, New Orleans, LA (panel presentation)
- █ “Digging deeper into patent grace periods”, with Julie Gauvreau, AUTM 2009 Annual Meeting, February 12-14, 2009, Orlando, FL (panel presentation)
- █ “*Le monde des brevets*”, *BioConnexion*, *Université Laval*, 2004 and 2005
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“Les brevets dans le domaine de la biotechnologie”, Parc Technologique du Québec Métropolitain, 2003

Professional and community activities

IRCM, Dragon Boat Race, September 2016

Education

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Biology, McGill University, 1999

Ph.D., Biochemistry, McGill University, 1996

B.Sc., Biochemistry, University of Toronto, 1988

Boards and Professional Affiliations

Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC)

- Member, Forums and Seminars Committee, 2011-2013, 2015-2019

- Member, Biotechnology Patents Committee, 2011-2013

- Chair, Technology Transfer Committee, 2011-2013

- Vice-chair, Technology Transfer Committee, 2009-2011

- Member, Technology Transfer Committee, 2005-2009

- Member, Biotechnology Legislation Committee, 2001-2002

Fédération Internationale des Conseils en Propriété Intellectuelle(FICPI)

- Secretary, FICPI Canada, 2018-2021

American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)

Licensing Executives Society

The Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM)