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Ryan Sheahan is Counsel and a registered patent agent in the Intellectual Property and Litigation & Dispute Resolution Groups. Ryan practices regulatory and intellectual property law with a focus on life science matters, including matters related to pharmaceuticals, medical devices, natural health products, medical cannabis, food, pesticides, fertilizers, pharmacies, healthcare clinics and cosmetics.

Ryan regularly counsels clients in connection with the acquisition and protection of intellectual property rights. His intellectual property practice has an emphasis on patent law, including drafting and prosecution, licensing and advising on patentability, infringement and validity. Ryan's litigation practice focuses primarily on patent matters, including Notice of Compliance prohibition proceedings.

Ryan has extensive experience advising clients on a broad spectrum of compliance, commercial and transactional issues, particularly in relation to life sciences, food, drug, medical device, natural health product and medical cannabis industries, including: advising with respect to product authorizations, licensing, inspections, labeling, marketing and advertising, pricing, formulary listings, and clinical trials; negotiating and drafting of commercial agreements including wholesale, supply, distribution, technology transfer, licenses, quality agreements, product listing agreements (including assisting with listing on provincial drug formularies), clinical trial research agreements, research and development agreements and material transfer agreements; and providing detailed regulatory advice in respect of regulated products and regulated entities.

Representative Work

- *Bristol-Myers Squibb Canada, et al. v. Pharmascience Inc., et al.* – acting for generic pharmaceutical company in respect of patent proceedings under the Patented Medicines (Notice of Compliance) Regulations (aripiprazole (Abilify)).
- *Eli Lilly Canada Inc., et al. v. Pharmascience Inc., et al.* - defending patent infringement action.
- *Bayer Inc., et al. v. Pharmascience Inc., et al.* - application in relation to the drug ciprofloxacin/ciprofloxacin HCl (Cipro XL).
- *Merck & Co., Inc., v. Pharmascience Inc.* - successfully argued invalidity with respect to patent relating to the drug finasteride (Propecia).
- *Schering-Plough Canada Ltd. v. Pharmascience Inc.* - successfully argued non-infringement and invalidity with respect to two patents relating to the drug desloratadine (Aerius).
- *Schlumberger Canada Ltd. v. Trican Well Service Ltd.* - defending infringement action in relation to three patents.

Legal Posts

The following posts are available on Stikeman.com:

- [Federal Court opines on precedential value of prior PM\(NOC\) proceedings and scope of experimental use exception to public disclosure](#)

Speaking Engagements

- “What Can You Say About Cannabis?”, Stikeman Elliott client seminar, Toronto, July 2018 (presenter).

Professional Activities

Ryan is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the County of Carleton Law Association, the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada, and the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

Background

Ryan has researched with the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre and McMaster University.

Education

Registered Patent Agent (2007)

Queen’s University (LL.B. 2005)

McMaster University (Honours B.Sc. Biochemistry Co-op (Genetic Engineering Specialist), Minor Psychology 2002)

Bar Admission

Ontario, 2006