



Intellectual Property Portfolio Director

Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

About us

Calyxt, Inc. is a consumer-centric, food- and agriculture-focused company. Calyxt is pioneering a paradigm shift to deliver healthier food ingredients, such as healthier oils and high fiber wheat, for consumers and crop traits that benefit the environment and reduce pesticide applications, such as disease tolerance, for farmers. Calyxt develops non-transgenic crops leveraging processes that occur in nature by combining its leading gene-editing technology and technical expertise with its innovative commercial strategy. Calyxt is located in Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, and is listed on the Nasdaq market (ticker: CLXT).

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Job Summary

The incumbent will have responsibility for the preparation, filing, prosecution, maintenance and protection of patents generated by the organization or licensed in from third parties; analyzing third party patents for freedom to operate issues. This position will work closely with R&D and legal counsel on such matters. The position will also provide support for R&D related agreements and to business development on licensing negotiations and agreements as appropriate. The position will also work closely with external lawyers and patent attorneys in relation to patent related matters.

Key Responsibilities:

Actively contribute to the development of global IP strategies for Calyxt

Manage implementation of global IP strategies for Calyxt' patent portfolio, seeking and maintaining an appropriate level of protection

Instruct patent attorneys in respect of the relevant patent portfolio

Keep informed of research and development activity being conducted by Calyxt and/or its partners to ensure protection for ideas, inventions or discoveries

Provide Calyxt with guidance on research and development programs such that they may generate protectable intellectual property and not infringe on the intellectual property of others

Support Calyxt legal team with advice on intellectual property issues relating to agreements

Provide Calyxt commercial group with advice on relevant intellectual property issues and inputs into IP due diligence activities.

Partner closely with IP attorney of the Collectis company

Provide input into IP licensing discussions and negotiations where appropriate.

Review proposed publications with particular emphasis on ensuring the protection of intellectual property.

Maintain up to date IP summaries for Calyxt projects

Conduct all activities in compliance with relevant policy and SOP's

Maintain high level of awareness and application of relevant industry standards

Required Qualifications:

BS Degree in Scientific discipline or related field

Patent agent license

5+ minimum years relevant experience

Proven track record of experience in patent management in an R&D discovery/development environment

Strong analytical skills

Excellent communication and negotiation skills

Excellent organizational skills and interpersonal skills

Preferred qualifications:

Master's degree in science or Ph.D. in scientific field preferred

Qualified Patent Attorney

Plant science/biotech industry experience

Contact: Please send resume and motivation letter to CLX_IPP_2018-09@calyxt.com