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Mercedes Meyer, Ph.D., represents leading life science and technology companies maintaining an extensive biotechnology and pharmaceutical patent management, prosecution, opinion and due diligence practice. With a doctorate in virology and degree in chemistry, Mercedes has a deep understanding of complex biotechnology and scientific research, which is key for advising life science clients on commercializing and protecting product innovations as well as performing diligence for investing in new technologies, particularly in corporate joint development projects. Mercedes advises on developing patent strategies, managing the intellectual property rights, and making associated investments and acquisitions. Mercedes also handles patent reexaminations and inter partes matters.

Education

Bryn Mawr College
1988, B.A., Chemistry

University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Houston and The M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
1994, Ph.D.

University of Houston Law Center
J.D.

Admissions

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
Texas

Court Admissions

District of Columbia Court of Appeals
Superior Court of the District of Columbia
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Practices

Counseling, Opinions + Licensing
Patent Interferences

Industries

Chemistry + Chemical Engineering
Life Sciences + Pharmaceuticals
Medical Devices

Accolades

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- Recognized in LMG Life Sciences Americas Firms & Lawyer Rankings, 2025
 - Named to the inaugural [2025 LawDragon](#) 500 Leading Global IP Lawyers
 - [Chambers USA](#) – District of Columbia, Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution, 2021-25
 - [Managing Intellectual Property](#) “IP Star,” 2025
 - Inspiring Woman of the Year, Life Sciences Patent Network, 2025
 - [Intellectual Asset Management \(IAM\)](#) – Global Leader, 2024
 - [Intellectual Asset Management \(IAM\)](#) 300 Leading IP Strategists
 - [Intellectual Asset Management \(IAM\)](#) Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners, 2025
 - Intellectual Property Owner Association Carl B. Horton Distinguished Service Award recipient, 2023
 - Legal500 – 2020

Affiliations/Memberships

Board Member, Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation
Intellectual Property Owners Association
Association of University Technology Managers Women's Inventor Committee
American Intellectual Property Law Association
AIPLA Fellow

Recent News + Events + Related Publications

EVENT - 01.08.26

Making Teams More Productive Through Neurodiversity

NEWS - 01.06.26

IPO Appoints Mercedes Meyer and Kirk Sigmon to Serve on Committees

EVENT - 11.25.25

Mercedes Meyer Co-Chairs 8th Annual Summit on Life Sciences IP Due Diligence

NEWS - 10.08.25

Three Banner Witcoff Attorneys Recognized by LMG Life Sciences

NEWS - 09.15.25

Killing the Golden Goose of U.S. Drug Innovation (Part II): Drug Pricing Myths

NEWS - 09.11.25

Killing the Golden Goose of U.S. Drug Innovation: Follow the Money (Part I)

EVENT - 09.02.25

Marguerite Smith and Mercedes Meyer Present at WE25

NEWS - 07.07.25

Banner Witcoff and 16 Shareholders Earn Top Marks in Managing IP's 2025 IP Stars

EVENT - 06.10.25

Mercedes Meyer Presents at ACI's Biosimilars and Innovator Biologics Summit

NEWS - 06.05.25

2025 Chambers and Partners Recognizes Banner Witcoff

NEWS - 06.04.25

16 Banner Witcoff Attorneys Recognized in IP Stars 2025

NEWS - 06.02.25

Robert Katz and Mercedes Meyer Recognized in WIPR Leaders 2025

NEWS - 05.29.25

Banner Witcoff and 14 Attorneys Recognized in IAM Patent 1000

NEWS - 05.28.25

Eight Banner Witcoff Attorneys Named in Lawdragon 500 Leading Global IP Lawyers

NEWS - 05.07.25

Life Sciences Patent Network Awards Mercedes Meyer Inspiring Woman of the Year

PRESS - 03.25.25

Regulation and Ethics in AI-Supported Health Care

EVENT - 03.17.25

Navigating the Pre-Approval and Approval Process for Drugs and Biologics

EVENT - 03.10.25

Allyship, Mentorship, & Sponsorship Practical Guide: Part 1 of 2 - Demystifying the Three Key Professional Relationships

EVENT - 03.05.25

Making Teams More Productive Through Neurodiversity | Mercedes Meyer Participates in ACC Life Sciences Conference Panel

NEWS - 03.03.25

Mercedes Meyer Selected Finalist for Three Life Sciences Patent Network Awards

EVENT - 11.20.24

Looking Ahead: Surveying the Changing Life Sciences Policy Landscape and its Effect on IP Due Diligence | Mercedes Meyer Joins Panel at ACI Life Sciences IP Due Diligence

NEWS - 10.10.24

IAM Global Leaders Recognizes Robert Katz and Mercedes Meyer

EVENT - 09.30.24

Mercedes Meyer to Speak on Continuations and Recent Patent Law Developments

<https://bannerwitcoff.com>

EVENT - 09.30.24

State of the Union on Small Molecule Patents: Mercedes Meyer Presents at The Hatch-Waxman Practitioners Think Tank on Paragraph IV Disputes

PRESS - 07.08.24

Managing IP Quotes Mercedes Meyer on SCOTUS Ruling and IP Policy Challenges

NEWS - 06.06.24

2024 Chambers and Partners Recognizes Banner Witcoff

NEWS - 06.06.24

IAM Patent 1000 Recognizes 14 Banner Witcoff Attorneys, Patent Prosecution, and Litigation Practices

NEWS - 06.04.24

IP Stars 2024 Recognizes 17 Banner Witcoff Attorneys

EVENT - 05.16.24

The Interplay of Geopolitics and Patent Law for Enhanced Portfolio Management: Navigating Global Filing and Patent Term Strategy

EVENT - 05.14.24

Mercedes Meyer and Kamaram Munira Speak at Harritty for Parity Women's Patent Workshop

EVENT - 04.22.24

Mercedes Meyer Presents on March-In Power and Patent Rights for Strafford CLE Webinar

EVENT - 04.05.24

Mercedes Meyer to Discuss Remote, Hybrid, or 100% In-Office Work Models in Legal Profession

EVENT - 02.14.24

Intersectionality of Ethics, Mental Health & Diversity in Law and Practice: Mercedes Meyer Presents to Chicago Women in IP

PRESS - 02.12.24

Mercedes Meyer Featured in The Patent Lawyer's Women in IP Leadership

NEWS - 01.29.24

Banner Witcoff Elects Five New Shareholders in Chicago and D.C. Offices

EVENT - 01.17.24

Mercedes Meyer Joins IPO Panel: Biden Administration's Proposed March-in Framework

PRESS - 01.12.24

Mercedes Meyer Discusses US Patent Trends in 2024 with Managing IP

EVENT - 11.07.23

Mercedes Meyer to Speak on Acquiring Distressed yet Promising Life Sciences IP Assets at 6th Annual Summit on Life Sciences IP Due Diligence

EVENT - 10.03.23

Mercedes Meyer Explores Latest Trends in Patent Prosecution in IP Watchdog Webinar

NEWS - 09.11.23

Mercedes Meyer Awarded IPO's Carl B. Horton Distinguished Service Award!

[NEWS - 08.28.23](#)

Managing IP Recognizes 18 Banner Witcoff Attorneys in 2023 “IP Stars” Guide

[EVENT - 08.14.23](#)

Banner Witcoff Attorneys Set to Speak at 2023 IPO Annual Meeting

[EVENT - 07.25.23](#)

Mercedes Meyer Speaks at the 2nd Annual Increasing Diversity in Innovation Conference

[NEWS - 07.19.23](#)

Business Today Names Mercedes Meyer to Top 10 Influential DC Intellectual Property Patent Prosecution Lawyers List

[EVENT - 07.17.23](#)

Mercedes Meyer Joins Women Leaders in Life Science Law Panel: Mastering the Art of Rainmaking

[NEWS - 06.27.23](#)

IAM 1000 Recognizes 15 Banner Witcoff Attorneys, Patent Prosecution, and Litigation Practices

[NEWS - 06.01.23](#)

2023 Chambers and Partners Recognizes Banner Witcoff

[EVENT - 03.16.23](#)

Mercedes Meyer Discusses Ethical Considerations for Precision Medicines at ACI’s Novel Therapeutic Modalities and Gene Therapies Conference

[Featured, Non-news/events/press, general content etc. - 03.13.23](#)

IAM Global Leaders Recognizes Robert Katz and Mercedes Meyer

[EVENT - 03.10.23](#)

Mercedes Meyer Presents on Psychological Safety for IPO Diversity Committee

[NEWS - 02.22.23](#)

Mercedes Meyer Talks Being a Woman in IP with Law360