



## BETSY J. DERWINSKI SHAREHOLDER

Betsy Derwinski focuses on U.S. and foreign patent application preparation and prosecution, currently devoting a significant portion of her practice to leading athletic footwear and apparel manufacturers. Betsy also has extensive experience in medical devices, surgical equipment and methods of use, including cardiovascular devices and products used in reproductive health technology. In addition to patent application preparation and prosecution, she provides patentability, validity and infringement analyses and opinions, and counsels clients on patent portfolio management and strategic planning.

Betsy develops a thorough understanding of a client's business and the industries in which they operate. This allows her to craft tailored solutions that provide the broadest possible patent protection for a client's crucial innovations with an eye to the specific competitive environment they face.

Always thinking forward, Betsy understands that every case is unique and is part of the broader picture that is her client's current and future business success.

### EXPERIENCE | LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Brinks Gilson & Lione**, Chicago, Illinois  
Shareholder, 2018-Present  
Counsel, 2012-2017

**Cook Alex Ltd.**, Chicago, Illinois  
Shareholder, 2011-2012  
Associate, 2004-2010

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### EDUCATION

J.D.,  
DePaul University College of Law,  
2004

B.S., Biology and Chemistry  
William & Mary, 2001

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado  
Illinois  
U.S. Dist. Court, N.D. Illinois  
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

## **PRACTICE GROUP(S)**

International Patent  
Patent Prosecution

## **AREA OF FOCUS**

Biotechnology & Pharmaceutical  
Chemicals, Energy & Agriculture  
Mechanical  
Medical Device

## **TECHNICAL BACKGROUND**

Biochemistry  
Biopharma

## **FORWARD THINKING**

### **Publications**

- Deference: The Unanswered Question - *2004*

### **Alerts**

- U.S. Supreme Court Hears "Oil States" Oral Arguments Regarding Constitutionality of the Patent Office Review Board - *November 29, 2017*

### **Presentations**

"The Incredible Shrinking Patent World: Protecting Medical Device Patents in Light of Increasingly Strict § 101 Patentability Standards," American Conference Institute 4th Advanced Summit on Medical Device Patents, Chicago, March 24, 2014

## **AFFILIATIONS**

- Chicago Bar Association
- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago, Board of Managers

## **REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

- Secured patent protection for innovations in cardiac and vessel repair that have resulted in major advances in surgical procedures and outcomes.
- Manages the patent portfolio for a large athletic apparel manufacturer, particularly involving innovative new materials, designs and technologies that are redefining the category.