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Dr. Stacey W. Chung is a Law Clerk/Patent Agent with Leason Ellis and a member of the Patent Practice Group at the firm. Stacey prepares and prosecutes patent applications for clients in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. She works across a broad range of life sciences technologies, including pharmaceutical formulations, small molecules, antibodies, protein therapeutics, viral therapeutics, and therapeutic methods in molecular and cellular biology, immunology, and biochemistry.

Stacey entered the intellectual property (IP) field through an internship and consulting role at CURE Pharmaceutical, where she assisted with prior art searches, patentability assessments, and patent applications related to formulations and manufacturing methods.

Before transitioning to IP, Stacey was a Postdoctoral Scientist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, conducting research on breast cancer treatments and mechanisms underlying triple-negative breast cancer progression. Her doctoral research investigated hepatic alpha-tocopherol (vitamin E) transport and how membrane lipids and mutations in the vitamin E transfer protein affect protein–lipid interactions.

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Education

- New York Law School, J.D., 2025
- Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Ph.D., Nutrition, (Molecular Biology Focus), 2016
- Rutgers University, B.S., General Biotechnology, 2010

Experience

- Haley Guiliano LLP, Patent Agent/Law Clerk, 2020-2025
- CURE Pharmaceutical, Intern & Consultant, 2018-2020
- Cedars-Sinai, Postdoctoral Scientist, 2016-2019

Memberships

- Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO)

Honors

- Doctoral Excellence Award, Case Western School of Medicine, 2016

Selected Articles

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Cao S.*, Chung S.*, Kim S., Li Z., Manor D., Buck M. *co-first author.
  K-Ras G-domain binding with signaling lipid phosphatidylinositol (4,5)-phosphate (PIP2): membrane association, protein orientation, and function.
  Journal of Biological Chemistry, 294(17):7068–7084, 2019.
- Chung S.*, Jin Y.*, Han B., Qu Y., Gao B., Giuliano A., Cui X. *co-first author.
  Identification of EGF–NF-κB–FOXC1 signaling axis in basal-like breast cancer.
  Cell Communication and Signaling, 15(1):22, 2017.
- Chung S., Ghelfi M., Atkinson J., Parker R., Qian R., Carlin C., Manor D.
  Vitamin E and phosphoinositides regulate the intracellular localization of the hepatic α-tocopherol transfer protein.
  Journal of Biological Chemistry, 291(33):17028–17039, 2016.