

# CAITLIN THIREAULT

ASSOCIATE

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## OVERVIEW

Caitlin prepares and prosecutes U.S. patent applications and assists with the preparation and prosecution of international and foreign patent applications. She focuses primarily on patents in the biotechnology and plant fields.

Caitlin's IP practice is informed by both her legal expertise and her hands-on experience in the field. She has over ten years of experience in academic research with a particular focus on plant molecular biology. Most recently, her projects related to plant innate immunity and the plant microbiome. Caitlin also has a thorough understanding of the complex world of intellectual property her clients must navigate: As an IP commercialization intern at Michigan State, she examined intellectual property assets generated at the university and determined commercial potential and market structure, as well as validated licensing leads.

Caitlin held a summer associateship with Klarquist in 2019 and joined the firm full time in 2020.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ▶ Michigan State | Research Technician, 2015 – 2020; Intellectual Property Commercialization Intern, 2014 – 2015 | East Lansing, MI
- ▶ Klarquist Sparkman | Summer Associate, 2019 | Portland, OR
- ▶ Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan | Summer Intern for the Office of the General Counsel, 2018
- ▶ Oregon State University | Research Technician, 2010 – 2011 | Corvallis, OR

## EDUCATION

J.D. (*summa cum laude*) and M.J., Legal Doctrine & Analysis, Michigan State University College of Law, 2020

M.S., Cell & Molecular Biology, Michigan State University, 2014

B.S., BioResource Research, *magna cum laude*, Oregon State University, 2010

## ADMISSIONS

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2020 (Reg. No. 78,961)

## PRACTICE AREAS

Intellectual Property  
Counseling  
Patents

## TECHNOLOGY AREAS

Agriculture & Food  
Science  
Life Sciences &  
Biotechnology  
Plants

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