



Patent Agent (Full-Time) or Patent Attorney (Part-Time)

(Job Code: 2010-7)

Company Overview

ViaCyte, Inc. is a preclinical therapeutic company focused on diabetes. Our therapy is based on pancreatic beta cell progenitors (Pro-Islet™) derived from human pluripotent stem cells. These cells are implanted using a durable and retrievable encapsulation device. Once implanted and matured, these cells secrete insulin in response to blood glucose levels. Our goal is long term insulin independence without immune suppression, and without hypoglycemia and other diabetes-related complications.

Our remarkable team has propelled us to the forefront of stem cell research. The flow of patentable ideas, along with continual strategic positioning and active protection of our inventions, has created the need for additional assistance in our intellectual property department. This is an exciting time at ViaCyte and we invite you to explore this opportunity.

Description

The Patent Agent or Attorney will assist with the administration of the Company's intellectual property. Primary duties will include drafting and preparing patent and trademark applications, and assisting with all aspects of patent prosecution, including responses to office actions, appeals and interference proceedings. The Patent Agent or Attorney will also be relied upon to identify, review, and assess intellectual property strategies and risks, and recommend courses of action to maintain our competitive advantage. Developing and implementing freedom to operate strategies will be a main objective. Other critical functions include working with our scientific staff to capture and analyze ideas and preparing invention disclosures; and overseeing the Company's intellectual property portfolio, specifically, the management of multiple patent counsel and firms. Additional responsibilities include monitoring and maintaining patent annuities and the patent docket, and tracking and managing the intellectual property budget and expenses. Assisting with drafting and reviewing patent license agreements, material transfer agreements, and general corporate or other contracts will be required, along with establishing and maintaining a practical system for archiving these documents in a central repository. Throughout all job activities, it is expected that the Patent Agent or Attorney will identify areas for optimization and implement process and procedural improvements.

Our dynamic organization is attractive to those who are self-motivated and enjoy interacting with highly intellectual individuals who are passionate about their work. Our technology is novel and the workload will be varied and interesting. This will be a challenging position which requires the abilities to set priorities and to manage rapidly changing objectives and timelines. This is a new position within our company and will report to our Intellectual Property Counsel/Director, Corporate Development.

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Requirements

The position of Patent Agent requires an advanced degree and a minimum of five years focused on the administration of intellectual property matters. Registration to practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office is preferred.

Candidates who possess a J.D. and four years of experience focused on the administration of intellectual property matters may be considered for the position of Patent Attorney, which would be filled as a part-time role in lieu of the Patent Agent. For the position of Patent Attorney, registration to practice before the USPTO is required, and a Ph.D. or other advanced degree is preferred.

For either role, a scientific background is required. Knowledge in the areas of stem cell, molecular, cell, or developmental biology and biochemistry is helpful. It is preferred that candidates possess experience with intellectual property in stem cell based technologies and with freedom to operate assessments or counseling. A license to practice law in California or another jurisdiction is preferred. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are required. Experience with general corporate and business contract matters is helpful.

Application Procedure

ViaCyte is headquartered in San Diego, California and was formerly known as Novocell, Inc. Relocation assistance is not available for this position.

Please send your resume or curriculum vitae, with cover letter, by mail or e-mail. In your cover letter, please specify your interest in and qualifications for either the full-time role of Patent Agent or the part-time role of Patent Attorney. Only one position will be filled.

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For submission by e-mail, please attach your resume or CV, with cover letter, as a Word or PDF file. In the Subject line, please type the Job Code (#2010-7) and your full name.