

NIH Selects Cantor Colburn for 10-Year, Multimillion-Dollar Contract for Patent Legal Services in Chemistry

[Cantor Colburn LLP](#), the #3 firm for patents in the United States, is proud to have been awarded a 10-year, multimillion-dollar contract with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to provide patent legal services in chemistry. The rigorous selection process resulted in a handful of elite intellectual property (IP) law firms being selected to assist the NIH, the largest biomedical research agency in the world, to procure its IP and bring it into the marketplace to benefit the public. This is the second time that the NIH has selected Cantor Colburn for the 10-year contract award.

“We are honored to continue our partnership with NIH and assist them with protecting innovations that help people live longer, healthier lives through cutting-edge research and discovery,” said [Michael Cantor](#), Co-Managing Partner of Cantor Colburn. “Our attorneys have proven over the years that they have the experience and expertise to handle complex portfolios involving not only the NIH but also its distinguished licensees and collaborators.”

Cantor Colburn’s more than 100 attorneys, agents, and technical advisors provide exceptional counsel to clients from offices in Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Houston, Hartford, and Detroit. The firm’s chemical practice brings together professionals experienced in the unique requirements of the chemistry, life sciences research, and biotechnology industries, and are devoted to patent prosecution, counseling, and litigation to serve our clients’ varied needs. Most of the group’s professionals have doctorate degrees or experience in relevant fields such as organic chemistry, biochemistry, molecular biology, pharmacology, and microbiology. Many also have backgrounds in industry and academia, and have held positions as researchers, consultants, and corporate counsel. This knowledge and experience give our professionals a distinct advantage when assisting clients in the life sciences on how best to protect, develop, and commercialize products, deliver services, and capitalize on business opportunities worldwide.

The NIH, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the largest public funder of biomedical research in the world, investing more than \$30 billion to achieve its mission to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. In pursuing this mission, NIH improves health by promoting treatment and prevention, contributes to society by driving economic growth and productivity, and expands the biomedical knowledge base by funding cutting-edge research and cultivating the biomedical workforce of today and tomorrow.

Additional rankings include:

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- [#6 Design Patent Law Firm, *Ant-like Persistence*, 2020](#)
- [#11 Trademark Law Firm, *Ant-like Persistence*, 2020](#)
- [#6 Most Active Law Firm in High-Tech & #8 Most Active Law Firm Overall, *Patexia*, 2019](#)
- [Top Patent Firm by Tech Center, *Juristat*, 2019](#)
- [US News and World Report’s Best Law Firm & Lawyers, 2016-2020](#)

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