



Intellectual Property Attorney

Cochlear is the global leader in implantable hearing solutions with over 20 years of experience and more than 180,000 recipients around the world. We have set the industry standards through our teamwork, performance, continuous improvement and technological innovations. We are committed to developing the technologies that are necessary to deliver clear, individualized hearing solutions that are designed to meet specific hearing and lifestyle needs.

Our Intellectual Property Department is looking for an experienced IP Attorney to work with internal stakeholders to protect and enhance Cochlear's market position using intellectual property. In the role you will work across various technology areas, product types and geographic regions, manage third party IP risks, and develop internal processes to efficiently manage our IP portfolio.

Purpose

This position will counsel technology teams and patent committees to ensure the submission of quality invention disclosures and work with inventors and outside counsel to ensure we obtain strong IP rights aligned with our business goals. The work will require an in-depth knowledge of the IP landscape, competitor technology, and Cochlear's development and technology roadmaps. The attorney will have responsibility for IP risk management activities, including responsibility to identify and mitigate IP risk through patent clearance, design around, and IP awareness programs.

In addition to working as a member of a team and having strong inter-personal skills, the attorney will be responsible for promotion of an IP aware culture within Cochlear. Working across the organization to implement the processes and provide advice to groups with respect to collaborative research agreements and other contractual issues. The role will also provide training to technical and others groups within Cochlear on IP strategy, IP procedures, and the how to maximize corporate benefit of its innovations.

Key requirements

- Intellectual property attorney with technical background in bio-medical, electrical, or mechanical engineering or other appropriate physical science
- 8-10 years experience in working with patent portfolios in high tech, engineering or the medical device industry
- Patent attorney firm experience
- Extensive experience and knowledge of laws, rules, regulations and practice under various national patent systems, such as US, Europe, Australia and Asia
- Project management experience
- In-house experience, IP litigation and dispute experience, and engineering experience, eg in a medical device or electronics, or software company would be desirable but is not essential

The ideal candidate will be able to or develop the ability to run IP projects within Cochlear and drive positive change with respect to the management of IP. They will use their management skills to run various aspects of the IP function at Cochlear, such as patent procurement, IP risk management, or others areas requiring leadership. The successful candidate will deliver outcomes that support Cochlear's long term business objectives, in a complex global stakeholder environment.

If this sounds like the next step in your career – come inhouse and work for an organization that makes a difference to peoples lives. Apply Now !