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Practices: Intellectual Property; IP Transactional; IP Litigation; Healthcare
Industries: Healthcare; Higher Education; Life Sciences; P3, Infrastructure & Project Finance

Dr. Lekha Gopalakrishnan is a member of Winstead's Intellectual Property Practice Group. Her practice focuses on all areas of intellectual property law. Dr. Gopalakrishnan has extensive experience with patent prosecution matters in the chemical and biological arts, as well as rendering opinions regarding patentability, patent infringement and patent validity. Additionally, Dr. Gopalakrishnan has counseled clients in matters relating to trademarks and copyrights, including procurement and enforcement, technology licensing, due diligence and freedom to operate investigations of patent portfolios and litigation matters involving patents, trademarks and copyrights. Dr. Gopalakrishnan also counsels clients in navigating compliance-related issues with the FDA and State authorities for manufacturing and marketing of drugs and medical devices.

Representative Experience

- Domestic and Foreign patent procurement in the areas of Life Sciences and Chemistry
- Obtaining opinions relating to patent invalidity and noninfringement
- Evaluation of third-party patent portfolios for licensing opportunities
- Advising clients on strategies for maximizing portfolio value
- Procurement of trademark and copyright registrations
- Advising clients in matters relating to intellectual property disputes

Lekha is a contributing writer for Winstead's [Destination Health Law](#) blog.

Professional & Community Service

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- Dallas Asian American Bar Association
- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- American Bar Association
- Texas A&M College of Law (Adjunct Professor)
- Sixth Innovation Hub Cohort at Texas Tech University, Mentor

Awards & Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, (BL Rankings, LLC), 2021-2024

Admissions

- Texas, 2000
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office



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Education

University of Texas School of Law
– J.D., 2000

Northwestern University Medical School
– Ph.D., Cell and Molecular Biology,
1995

University of Texas at Arlington
– M.S., Chemistry, 1990

University of Madras, India
– B.S., Nutrition and Dietetics, 1986

Languages

Tamil (Fluent)

Hindi

- U.S. District Court Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit