Aviceda Therapeutics: General Counsel / Senior Counsel (IP)

Aviceda Therapeutics is a biotech company focused on the next generation of glyco-immune therapeutics (GCT’s) leveraging the Glyco-Code® technology platform to address inflammatory diseases of the innate immune system.

At Aviceda, we exploit a unique family of receptors found expressed on all innate immune cells and their associated glycobiological interactions to develop transformative medicines. Combining the power of our biology with our innovative cell-based high-throughput screening (HTS) platform and proprietary nanoparticle technology, Aviceda was able to modulate the innate immune response specifically and profoundly.

Aviceda has assembled a world-class, cross-disciplinary team of recognized scientists, clinicians, and drug developers to tackle devastating ocular & systemic degenerative, fibrotic, neurological, and immuno-inflammatory diseases.

Aviceda’s offices/lab are based in Kendall Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Aviceda Therapeutics is an equal opportunity employer offering competitive cash and stock compensation, excellent employee benefits and the opportunity for personal and professional growth in an outstanding and intellectually challenging environment.

Job Description:

Aviceda therapeutics seeks a General Counsel or Senior Counsel (depending on experience) who has a passion for science with a strong background and experience with IP strategy for biomedical technologies and therapeutic products. Based at Aviceda’s Cambridge headquarters and reporting to the CEO, the Counsel will lead all intellectual property, transactional and corporate matters for the company, working with outside counsel in corporate aspects with the ability to engage with the Aviceda R&D team and its outside collaborators to prepare and prosecute new patent applications and to draft and negotiate intellectual property licenses and collaboration agreements with academic institutions and biopharmaceutical partners. The Counsel will work closely with the R&D teams and manage global patent preparation and prosecution matters to build and maintain a strong intellectual property portfolio in support of the Aviceda’s therapeutic programs. The Counsel will serve as a trusted advisor to the CEO and senior management team on the company’s strategy and all intellectual property and legal matters.

Key Responsibilities:

- Strategically manage Aviceda’s global patent portfolio, identifying areas of innovation for protection and aligning Aviceda’ IP strategy with its business objectives.
- Lead in the preparation, negotiation and execution of a range of corporate agreements licenses, including sponsored research agreements, optional agreements, material transfer agreements, confidentiality agreements, research collaborations, and licensing agreements.
• Prepare, file and prosecute new patent applications to protect Avaceda’s therapeutic programs, platform technology and other biomedical innovations generated by the R&D teams.
• Establish strong and collaborative relationships with R&D teams through serving as a proactive advisor and thought-partner on a range of IP-related matters.
• Instruct and collaborate with outside counsel in prosecuting worldwide patent applications.
• Interact with external stakeholders (e.g., collaborators and licensors) to advance effective patent protection for co-development and in-licensed programs.
• Evaluate scientific disclosures (abstracts, posters, and presentations) intended for publication in view of Aviceda’s strategy.
• Conduct IP freedom-to-operate analyses to support product development efforts as well as licensing and acquisitions.
• Leveraging outside counsel as needed, oversee other legal needs of the company as needed (for example, corporate legal issues and employment law issues).

Key Qualifications:

• At least five years’ experience as a patent counsel in active large molecule patent prosecution; 50% or more in patent application drafting and prosecution in a pharma or biotech therapeutics corporate setting and/or representing such clients in a law firm.
• At least three years’ experience in IP transactions (i.e., license agreements, collaboration agreements, sponsored research agreements) in the life sciences space, either at a law firm or in biopharmaceutical corporate setting.
• A masters or doctorate in the biomedical sciences is required, a doctorate is preferred.
• Admitted to the USPTO and admitted in good standing in at least one state bar (with eligibility to register as in-house counsel in Massachusetts).
• Demonstrated ability to consistently perform complex intellectual property activities independently and efficiently.
• Recognized as a strategic partner by clients with respect to intellectual property activities.
• Ability to effectively communicate complex intellectual property and legal information to a broad range of stakeholders.
• Excellent communication skills in spoken and written word is essential.

Job Location: Cambridge, MA

Job Type: Full-time

Work authorization: work authorization in US is required

If you are interested in learning more about this position, please send your CV or Resume to careers@avicedarx.com