



## Michelle L. Weaver

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### OVERVIEW

Michelle Weaver is a registered patent attorney in the firm's Pittsburgh office. She focuses her practice on intellectual property matters. Ms. Weaver's practice primarily focuses on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office along with the prosecution of foreign patent applications. She participates in all aspects of the patent procurement process including obtaining and reviewing invention disclosures, performing patentability searches, drafting applications, preparing filings including responses to office actions, and interviewing Examiners. Ms. Weaver's practice also involves patent invalidity, clearance, and freedom-to-operate analyses; and drafting substantive filings for post-grant procedures such as Petitions for Inter Partes Review. She also assists with the management of clients' patent portfolios and deals with additional legal issues, such as patent term adjustment.

Ms. Weaver has dealt with a wide range of technologies, including surgical techniques; medical devices, including surgical staplers, staples, electrosurgical instruments, harmonic scalpels, and robotic surgical instruments; infant consumer products, including bouncer seats, car seats, playpens, and highchairs; electrical connectors; and industrial processing equipment and methods.

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

During law school, Ms. Weaver was a patent agent with K&L Gates. She served as a legal intern within the Coulter Program through the University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering. In addition, she was a patent agent and a summer associate with a Pennsylvania law firm. Ms. Weaver was additionally a legal intern for Bayer HealthCare.

Prior to law school, Ms. Weaver conducted research at the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine relating to the construction and use of artificial tissues for repair of the heart, trachea, and lung.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Ms. Weaver served on the executive board of the University of Pittsburgh Law Review. In addition, Ms. Weaver received several awards and recognitions while attending law school. Ms. Weaver received the CALI Excellence

for the Future Award in: Patent Law Practice, Conflict of Laws, and Legislation & Regulation. Ms. Weaver was the recipient of the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association's Student Leadership Award in 2015.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association

## EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2016 (*magna cum laude*; *Intellectual Property and Technology Law Certificate*)
- B.S., University of Pittsburgh, 2013 (*cum laude*); *Bioengineering*)

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Pennsylvania
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management