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Wanli Wu practices in all aspects of patent law with a focus on chemistry and material science related inventions. Wanli has more than 15 years of experience drafting patent applications and obtaining worldwide patents in the fields of small molecules, medical therapeutics, polymers, oil and gas field fluids and applications, hydrocarbon recovery and treatment, batteries, CO<sub>2</sub> capture, cosmetics, and specialty chemicals. She has also conducted patentability, product clearance, and patent validity studies and has experience in IP transactions. Prior to becoming a patent lawyer, Ms. Wu was a research chemist for eight years for two global pharmaceutical companies. During that time, she synthesized novel Hepatitis C drug candidates and was an inventor for several patents/applications.

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

- Biotechnology/Life Sciences
- Entrepreneurial Services
- Health Care - Life Sciences Technology & Commercialization
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Patent Prosecution & Protection

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- Connecticut
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- Southeast-based law firm poaches Cantor Colburn attorneys as part of CT, Northeast expansion  
by Harriet Jones, *Hartford Business Journal*, October 14, 2024
- Stites & Harbison Eyes Conn. Office With Patent Team Pickup  
by Martin Bricketto, *Law360*, September 12, 2024
- Talk of the Town: Stites & Harbison Expands Intellectual Property Practice With Addition of New Attorneys and Patent Agents  
by Editor, *Attorney At Law Magazine*, September 11, 2024
- Comiskey Revisted: Section 101 as Gatekeeper for Patentability Requirements?  
Presenter, 25th Annual Joint Patent Practice Seminar, April 30, 2009
- Novel inhibitors of hepatitis C NS3-NS4A serine protease derived from 2-aza-bicyclo[2.2.1]heptane-3-carboxylic acid  
*Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters*, Volume 16, Issue 6, pages 1628-1632, 2006

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- Intellectual Property Owners Association , Member
- New York Intellectual Property Law Association , Member

## EDUCATION

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Rutgers School of Law J.D. 2007

University of Mississippi M.S., Organic Chemistry 1999

- Graduate School Honor Fellowship (1996-99)

Nankai University M.S., Chemistry 1996

- Graduate School Merit Scholarship (1995)

Nankai University B.S., Chemistry 1993

- Academic Honors (1992)

## BESIDES STITES & HARBISON

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Prior to joining Stites & Harbison, Wanli worked as a patent attorney for a full-service law firm and a large IP law firm, representing startups, research institutes, and global companies.

Before entering the legal field, she had eight years of research experience as a medicinal chemist for two global pharmaceutical companies. She received the New Jersey Thomas A. Edison Patent Award, the Schering Plough Presidential Award, and the Shinning Performance Award for her research on hepatitis C virus protease inhibitors.

In May 2017, she was a voluntary judge for the National Mock Trial. From 2012-13, she was a member of NYIPLA Board of Directors.

# LANGUAGES

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Mandarin Chinese