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Patti is an accomplished life sciences lawyer who has helped numerous clients grow and bring their innovations to market over her almost 30-year career at Wiggin and Dana. She is Chair of the Life Sciences Practice and a Partner in the firm's Corporate Department and the Mergers and Acquisitions Practice. Patti is also a member of the firm's Pro Bono Committee and a past member of the firm's Executive Committee. She is also a member of wiggin(x).

Patti's work has earned multiple honors and recognition, including consistently being named a "Life Science Star" for mergers and acquisitions and for licensing and collaborations in *LMG Life Sciences*, *Finance Monthly's* Deal Maker of the Year, and the Pro Bono Partnership's Volunteer of the Year. She is also a James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation and former Vice-Chair of Women in Bio's Metro New York Chapter.

Her extensive experience spans large multinational pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device companies to world-class universities, emerging biotechnology companies, scientists, and entrepreneurs. She counsels clients in cross-border mergers and acquisitions, global licenses and strategic alliances, research and development arrangements, including clinical trial programs, manufacturing agreements and other commercial contracts.

Before joining Wiggin and Dana, Patti practiced law in the New York office of the Swedish law firm Mannheimer Swartling.

She received her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Lehigh University.

Education

- University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 1987)
- Lehigh University (B.A., 1984)
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - *summa cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut
- New York
- Massachusetts

Distinctions

- Finance Monthly Deal Maker of the Year (2016)
- LMG Life Science Star for Mergers and Acquisitions and Licensing and Collaborations (2012 – 2023)
- James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation (2015)
- Pro Bono Partnership Volunteer of the Year (2013)
- Nominated for LMG Life Sciences' Licensing and Collaboration Attorney of the Year (2013)

Publications

April 30, 2026

Wiggin and Dana's Life Science Team authors the Massachusetts chapter for Chambers Life Sciences 2026: A Chambers Global Practice Guide
Chambers Global Practices Guides

September 26, 2025

NIH Announces New Application Structure for NIH-Funded International Collaborations That Eliminates Foreign Subawards

February 21, 2025

2024 M&A Year-End Report

February 15, 2024

2023 M&A Year-End Report

February 10, 2023

2022 M&A End Year Report

January 13, 2022

2021 M&A Year End Report

February 18, 2020

BioInsights Newsletter, Winter 2020

March 9, 2017

BioInsights Newsletter, Winter 2017

February 28, 2017

Extraterritoriality of United States Patent Laws: Limited Infringement Liability

June 8, 2016

Protecting Proprietary Compound Structures: Key Lessons from Merck's Unclean Hands

April 14, 2014

Licensing In the European Union: The European Commission Adopts New Regulations and Guidelines for Applying EU Competition Law To Technology Transfer Agreements

July 9, 2013

BioInsights Newsletter, Summer 2013