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### **Munck Wilson Mandala adds Partner and Scientific Advisor to Life Sciences Practice**

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**Munck Wilson Mandala has added additional talent to its life sciences practice, offering a comprehensive legal solution for businesses at the forefront of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics and medical devices.**

The MWM life sciences group features a multidisciplinary team of attorneys and patent professionals with advanced degrees in genetics, molecular biology, chemistry, mechanical and electrical engineering, and computer science. The group combines deep legal knowledge with real-world scientific experience to support researchers, entrepreneurs and companies driving healthcare and biotech innovation.

The firm recently expanded its Texas team with the addition of IP partner Merritt Westcott and senior scientific advisor and registered patent agent Rudeina A. Baasiri, Ph.D. Westcott brings more than 25 years of experience litigating complex biotech patent disputes, including those involving monoclonal antibodies, biosimilars and pharmaceuticals under the Hatch-Waxman Act and the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act. She holds a master's degree in genetics and molecular biology. Baasiri, who holds a Ph.D. in molecular biology, has extensive experience in U.S. and international patent prosecution, due diligence and freedom-to-operate analysis across a range of life sciences technologies.

MWM's life sciences practice includes more than 30 registered patent attorneys who manage intellectual property portfolios across therapeutics, digital health, diagnostics and biochemistry. The firm's attorneys have secured patents for CAR-T cell therapies, orthopedic implants, self-replicating RNA platforms, mRNA therapeutics and other medical innovations. MWM also manages more than 14,000 active trademark files, offering brand protection strategies tailored to the biotech industry.

For more information about Munck Wilson Mandala's Life Sciences practice, visit [www.munckwilson.com](http://www.munckwilson.com).

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