



# Dr. Shann Kerner Joins Lathrop Gage's Intellectual Property Practice in Boston

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**Boston, MA. (May 17, 2018)** - Lathrop Gage is pleased to welcome Dr. Shann Kerner as Of Counsel in its Boston office. Dr. Kerner joins the firm's Intellectual Property team, concentrating her practice on IP counseling, international patent portfolio procurement, leverage, and IP protection, trade secret protection, as well as IP due diligence in connection with venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, IPOs, internal IP audits, startup creation.

Dr. Kerner also performs internal audits, and infringement, validity, landscape, patentability, inventorship, and white space opinions and analyses.

Dr. Kerner's technical specialties include molecular biology, microbiology, biochemistry, immunology, virology, cell biology, neurology and plant biology. She represents clients in the fields of cancer and inflammatory disorders, early and late stage disease diagnostics and therapeutics, drug delivery, pharmaceuticals, nanotech, ophthalmology, antibodies, stem cells and medical devices and many others.

Before joining Lathrop Gage, Dr. Kerner worked at several international law firms in Boston where she counseled life science companies in developing and implementing IP strategies that protect their business aims, created and protected patent portfolios worldwide for a number of startup biotechnology and life science companies, and created trade secret policies for emerging companies.

Prior to practicing law, Dr. Kerner held a joint appointment as a faculty member at Harvard Medical School, Department of Neuropathology and at Boston Children's Hospital, Department of Developmental Neuropathology.

Dr. Kerner received her *juris doctor* from Suffolk University Law School. She has a Post-Doctoral Fellowship from Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital, and a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut Medical School. She earned an A.B. from Boston University.

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