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Emma keeps patent portfolios moving — tracking deadlines, managing foreign filings, and making sure nothing slips through the cracks so clients' inventions stay protected.

Emma supports the full lifecycle of domestic and foreign patent applications from initial filing through prosecution. She brings more than 12 years of hands-on experience to every matter, giving her the depth to respond promptly and accurately when clients or attorneys need answers.

Emma's day-to-day work centers on deadline monitoring, coordinating with foreign associate offices around the world, and tracking incoming actions from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) — the kind of close attention that keeps patent portfolios healthy and avoids costly lapses. Clients and Dorsey attorneys rely on her involvement at each stage of the process, not just at key milestones.

Beyond prosecution support, Emma assists with due diligence patent searching at the USPTO and handles the filing of security interests and releases. Her work spans clients in the healthcare and life sciences, food and agribusiness, and banking and financial services sectors.

Select Experience

- Following a lawsuit from a competitor in the consumer electronics device field, Emma helped a team file multiple Inter Partes Review Petitions for our client. Inter Partes Review Petitions can be filed as part of a defense strategy to challenge the validity of a competitor's patent. A settlement was ultimately reached and the case was dismissed.
- Emma performed extensive patent searching and diligence for a large national bank client on a tight timeline for an upcoming transaction. Emma helped coordinate global searches, reviewed and summarized the results and filed releases of security interest and a confirmatory grant of security interest, so that our client could protect their investment.

Education

- Metropolitan State University (Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, 2009)

- A new client in the laboratory automation field needed retroactive foreign filing licenses for some recently filed patent applications. Foreign Filing Licenses are required in certain jurisdictions when inventions are made or developed locally. Emma helped prepare and file the necessary documents, resulting in favorable decisions to grant retroactive foreign filing licenses.