



## Meet Stephanie L. Seidman, Ph.D., Partner, Dentons



### BIO

Dr. Seidman has more than 27 years of experience providing strategic counseling on the development and commercialization of patent portfolios for the bio-pharma industry. She has prosecuted hundreds of pharmaceutical, biotechnical and chemical patents, notably patent portfolios involving complex technologies including therapeutic proteins, small molecules, antibodies and diagnostics.

Dr. Seidman is recognized for her representation of emerging and developing companies, including private public companies in the biotech and pharmaceutical industries. Her prior experience includes more than 23 years in private practice in various positions and several years as a patent examiner for US Patent and Trademark Office. She also was a post doctoral staff fellow at the National Institutes of Health.

### Recognition

Dr. Seidman's honors and awards include recognition in Chambers USA 2015 in the areas of intellectual property patent and intellectual property patent prosecution. She was recognized as a Top 10 Attorney by the San Diego Daily Transcript. She has been named to Best Lawyers –

Biotechnology Law 2010 - 2015, and has been an Athena Pinnacle Award nominee every year since 1999. Dr. Seidman is recognized by Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) Magazine's IAM Patent 1000 in 2014 and 2015. Dr. Seidman was honored with the Women Who Mean Business award in San Diego in 2006. In addition, the patent practice that she heads was ranked as tier 1 in biotechnology by U.S. News in 2010.

Dr. Seidman's is listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2016, Litigation – Biotechnology Law

## **Interview**

Dr. Seidman's welcomes me in her UTC office here in San Diego, on a late Friday afternoon with I'm sure still a lot of wrap up to do before the week end can start.

*Thank you Dr Seidman for taking the time tonight to answer a few questions the WIB community has....*

### **Please tell WIB a little about yourself:**

*I'm a patent attorney with a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, a master's and undergrad studies in Chemistry and Physics. I have been a scientist all my life.*

*I then went to law school to become a patent attorney.*

*I grew up on the East Coast and I've been in San Diego 25 years this June. The motivation for the move was the Biotech industry and early stage, emerging companies whom I represent and do patent work for, mostly in San Diego but also all over the country.*

*At Dentons I have a team of 20 among which 10 of them are patent agents, and patent attorneys with Ph.Ds in Molecular Biology, Chemistry or related areas and we represent early stage companies.*

**How did you become involved with WIB? How has WIB played a role in promoting your personal or professional growth?**

*I have been aware of it since it started and I have personally sponsored a number of events, including the BIO 2014 reception here in San Diego, which was very well attended. I think it is an important organization for women because women are under represented although there are lots of women in the field of Life Sciences and a fair number of them are CEOs and Executives.*

*I have made it a goal to sponsor at least one event a year. The last one was in August, which was a small and pleasant event.*

**What would you like people from around the world to know about your specific WIB Chapter?**

*The Biotech Industry is very important in San Diego and as I mentioned, the women are under represented, it is important for the chapter to continue its growth.*

**What WIB event do you look forward to the most? Why?**

*I have always liked the one at the BIO conference; it is always an important event so I'll be looking forward to that one.*

**If you had one piece of advice to give a new WIB member, what would it be?**

*They should be involved in the community and promoting it. In San Diego there are quite a lot of successful women in Bio and they do speak at WIB events, providing opportunities to meet them. It is advantageous to know some of these women.*