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Xi Connie Kang has a diverse practice in intellectual property law with an emphasis on patent prosecution of biotech and life sciences, leveraging her years of experience in biomedical research.

Before attending law school, Connie worked at the University of Virginia as a Research Associate. In this role, she studied signaling pathways of neurodevelopmental disorders in both animal models and induced neuronal cells.

Connie earned her Juris Doctor degree, with honors, from The George Washington University Law School, with a concentration in Intellectual Property Law. In law school, Connie served as an editor for the AIPLA Quarterly Journal for two years. She received her Doctor of Philosophy in Pathology and bachelor's degree in Medical Science from Peking University in Beijing, China. During her training as a graduate student, Connie's research focused on studying the function of the tumor suppressor gene *PTEN*, especially *PTEN*'s roles in maintaining genomic integrity and stability.

Related Practice Areas

- Patents
- Patent Preparation and Prosecution
- Due Diligence
- Competitive Landscape Analysis
- Opinions
- Freedom to Operate/ Third Party Risk Assessment
- Transactions
- Patent Utilization
- USPTO Post-Grant Proceedings
- Litigation and Litigation Support

Related Industries

- Consumer Products
- Medical Devices
- Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals
- Biotechnology

Bar Admissions

- US Patent and Trademark Office

Languages

- Chinese

Publications

- Chae-Seok Lim, Xi Kang, Vincent Mirabella, Huaye Zhang, Qian Bu, Yoichi Araki, Elizabeth T. Hoang, Shiqiang Wang, Ying Shen, Sukwoo Choi, Bong-Kiun Kaang, Qiang Chang, Zhiping P. Pang, Richard L. Haganir and J. Julius Zhu*. BRAF signaling principles unveiled by large-scale human mutation analysis with a rapid lentivirus-based gene replacement method. *Genes & Development* 31(6):537-552, March 15, 2017.
- Xi Kang, Chang Song, Xiao Du, Cong Zhang, Yu Liu, Ling Liang, Jinxue He, Kristy Lamb, Wen H. Shen* and Yuxin Yin*. PTEN stabilizes TOP2A and regulates the DNA decatenation. *Scientific Reports* 10:1038, December 10, 2015.
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- Zhu Hong Chen, Minglu Zhu, Jingyi Yang, Hui Liang, Jinxue He, Shiming He, Pan Wang, Xi Kang, Michael A. McNutt, Yuxin Yin* and Wen H. Shen*. PTEN Interacts with Histone H1 and Controls Chromatin Condensation. *Cell Reports* 8:1–12, September 25, 2014.
- Zhuo Sun, Chuanxin Huang, Jinxue He, Kristy Lamb, Xi Kang, Tingting Gu, WenHong Shen*, and Yuxin Yin*. PTEN C-Terminal Deletion Causes Genomic Instability and Tumor Development. *Cell Reports* 6:844–854, March 13, 2014.

Memberships

- American Intellectual Property Law Association

Honors & Awards

- Thurgood Marshall Scholar (Spring 2019-Spring 2021), The George Washington University Law School

Education

- JD, 2021, The George Washington University Law School
- PhD, Pathology, 2015, Peking University
- BMS, 2012, Peking University Health Science Center