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### Overview

Ashley Biernesser, Ph.D., focuses her practice on patent prosecution in the chemical sciences. Her areas of technical expertise include organic, inorganic, organometallic, and polymer chemistry.

Prior to her patent practice, Ashley worked as a synthetic chemist, where she developed resin products with applications in coatings, paints, and adhesives. Ashley's graduate research focused on developing iron-based catalysts for the redox-controlled synthesis of biodegradable polymers.

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### Additional insights

#### Publications

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## Services

Patent  
Patent Prosecution

## Industries

Energy & Chemicals  
Life Sciences  
Pharmaceuticals

## Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2019)  
Massachusetts (2022)

## Education

J.D. *summa cum laude*, University of Pittsburgh School of Law (2022)  
Ph.D., Chemistry, Boston College (2017)  
B.S. *summa cum laude*, Chemistry, with minor in Mathematics, Duquesne University (2011)