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Dr. Victoria Hwang is a recent PhD graduate in Applied Physics who worked on understanding the physics of how light interacts with materials to make colors. She is currently working at Apple in Cupertino as a Biomedical Modeling Engineer, where she is applying her background to understanding the interaction of novel sensors with tissue.

Dr. Soeren Brandt received a master’s degrees in Chemistry from RWTH Aachen University and a PhD in Applied Physics from Harvard University leveraging machine learning and materials chemistry for bio-inspired sensors. Since graduating in May of 2020, Soeren is developing quantum mechanics and machine learning solutions for AI-driven drug discovery at 1910 Genetics. An alumnus from Harvard’s Innovation labs and MassChallenge Boston, Soeren combines a passion for entrepreneurship with technical expertise in chemistry and AI.

Dr. Yan Qi is committed to delivering targeted solutions to clients’ diverse intellectual property needs in the life sciences. Her practice includes patent preparation and prosecution, freedom-to-operate, landscape and patentability analyses, intellectual property due diligence, and patent litigation support. Yan’s experience spans the areas of antibody design, gene editing, cell-based therapy, RNA therapeutics, next-generation sequencing, and medical devices. She has served a variety of clients, including independent inventors, startup biotechnology companies, global pharmaceutical companies, academic institutions, and investors. Yan applies her bilingual language skills to assisting cross-border matters involving Chinese companies. Prior to joining Morrison & Foerster, she was an assistant professor of biology at Amherst College.

Dr. Lauren Robertson received her PhD in biological sciences in public health from Harvard University in 2018. Her work combined immunological and metabolic approaches to study cellular and physiological outcomes in the treatment of Type I diabetes. She then joined Biogen as a Worldwide Medical Affairs Fellow and explored the world of medical affairs through data generation and clinical development, scientific communications, digital strategy and execution, patient-focused drug development, and field medical operations. With this strong foundation in medical affairs, she recently transitioned to Bristol Myers Squibb where she is a medical science liaison in neurology for Massachusetts territory.

Dr. Edmund Koundakjian is an associate in the San Diego office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. He focuses on patent prosecution and intellectual property counseling, primarily in the life sciences, biotechnology, and related industries. Prior to graduating from law school, Edmund worked for approximately nine years as a patent agent in Am Law 100 firms, where he drafted and prosecuted patent applications in the United States and in foreign jurisdictions. He also provided strategic counseling for clients related to diligence, freedom-to-operate, patentability, invalidity, non-infringement, and patent portfolio analyses.