

# ALUMNI PROFILES

## MARILOU WATSON, RPH, JD

*Partner, Fox Rothschild, LLP*

*Pharma & Biotech Patent Attorney*

*Co-Chair, Life Science Practice*

Bachelor of Arts in Biology '87

Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy '91



2010

*Gallery of  
Success  
Award  
recipient*

2014

*Joseph B.  
Sprowls  
Lecture  
Award  
recipient*

2020

*The Legal  
Intelligencer Lifetime  
Achievement Award  
recipient*

## *Advice for current students:*

I highly recommend that current students and graduates consider becoming a Patent Agent. A pharmacy degree (both BS & PharmD) is a technical degree that qualifies you to take the U.S. Patent Bar examination. All information to take the exam is at the Office of Enrollment and Discipline at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office.

## *My Temple story*

My bachelor's degrees are from Temple University, both of which opened the door to my current career in Intellectual Property. It was an experience that I had in my last year of pharmacy school that propelled me into a career as a patent attorney. I was sitting in a pharmacy law course and was intrigued by the fact that my professor, Sheila Brennan-Connor, was a pharmacist as well as an attorney. Frankly, I'd never seen a career combination like that before. While most of the course was focused on the state laws that regulate the practice of pharmacy and the FDA regulatory laws, it was our discussion of the Orphan Drug Act that was my first time ever learning about a patent and its significance. This course sparked my interest to go to law school, so I asked Professor Brennan-Connor if she would be my mentor, and the rest was history.



School of  
Pharmacy