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Drinker Biddle Partner Mercedes Meyer Named Vice Chair of AIPLA Biotechnology Committee

WASHINGTON – Mercedes Meyer, a partner in the Intellectual Property Practice Group of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, has been named vice chair of the Biotechnology Committee of the 17,000 member American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA). Meyer focuses her practice on patent portfolio development for biotechnology and pharmaceutical clients. She will be concluding her two-year appointment and current position as chair of AIPLA’s Women in IP Law Committee at the organization’s fall meeting on Oct. 16-20.

Meyer earned her Ph.D. in virology and assists her clients in protecting their patent rights over a wide range of biotechnology-related areas, including antibodies and immunological compositions, viral vectors, genomics, vaccines, stem cell research, gene therapy, cancer therapeutics, and enzymatic synthesis of ethanol.

“We’re very pleased that our colleague Mercedes Meyer has been selected for this honor,” said Drinker Biddle Chairman, Alfred W. Putnam, Jr. “It reflects the leadership position she has taken in the practice of intellectual property law and the exceptional counsel she provides to our clients.”

AIPLA was formed in 1897 with the goal of improving intellectual property law and how it is interpreted by the courts. The chief responsibility of the Biotechnology Committee is to review all significant decisions made by the federal courts and the U.S. Patent and Trade Office, along with evaluating proposed legislation, and report to AIPLA’s board of directors as to how each will affect the biotechnology and the biopharmacology sectors of intellectual property law.

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