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Yifanâ??s work involves drafting patent applications and patent prosecution within chemistry and life sciences sectors, including organic chemistry, pharmaceuticals, small molecules, and polymer materials. Prior to joining ArentFox Schiff, Yifan was a technical specialist at a mid-sized law firm in Boston, MA.

Yifan received her PhD in Chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While at MIT, she led multiÂdisciplinary research projects on the design of over ten novel polymer materials, resulting in several first-author publications and a pending US patent application. Her projects included discovering a recyclable heterogeneous catalyst with extraordinarily high and size-dependent catalytic activity for the application of pharmaceutical synthesis and developing a generalizable strategy to synthesize eight amine-functional polymers to remove acidic gases from sour natural gas and biogas.

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