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Ana María became a Partner at Lloreda Camacho & Co. in 2009 and is the director of the Life Sciences practice while also co-leading the Intellectual Property practice with a focus on patents.

She is a lawyer from Universidad del Rosario, with a postgraduate degree in Commercial Law from Universidad Javeriana, a second specialization in Law and New Technologies of Life from Universidad Externado de Colombia.

With over 20 years of experience, Ana María has managed and advised on extensive patent portfolios for multinational and local companies across diverse technological sectors. She is particularly recognized for her expertise in the pharmaceutical industry and her guidance on biotechnology-related matters.

Her core areas of expertise include patents, industrial designs, plant varieties, and patent litigation. Ana María also has substantial experience in regulatory matters, data protection, and handling significant litigation cases before Colombia's High Courts.

Her expertise extends to the regulatory environment for biological and biotechnological medicines in Colombia. She co-authored "Approach to the New Regulation of Marketing Authorization for Biological and Biotechnological Medicines in Colombia – Decree 1782," included in the publication *Pharmaceutical Law and Intellectual Property in Latin America* by ASIPI, as well as "The Prior User Exception in Patent Matters," featured in the same ASIPI publication. Furthermore, her analysis of the sanitary regulation of biological and biotechnological products in Colombia was published by ASDIN.

Additionally, Ana María has been consistently invited to participate as a speaker in some of the most distinguished forums, reflecting her recognized expertise and leadership in her field. Among her presentations are the Interpat Innovation Seminar 2024 in Buenos Aires, Argentina; the Seminar on Innovation: Law and Health at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) in Tijuana, Mexico; and the session on the Implementation of Compulsory Licenses in Latin America during the academic sessions of the Asociación Colombiana de Propiedad Industrial (ACPI). She has also presented at the 2023 Interpat Innovation Seminar in Brasília and addressed topics such as the application of reliance in health registration procedures in LATAM during the Global Alliance for Women in Life Sciences, 2023. Additionally, she has spoken about medicinal cannabis in Latin America at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia and about the implementation of international treaties and their influence on the establishment of national IP authorities during events hosted by the Asociación Mexicana de Industrias de Investigación Farmacéutica (AMIIF). Other significant contributions include her insights on artificial intelligence applied to medical devices and her participation in the II Health Forum organized by AMCHAM Perú.

Ana María is recognized by the most prominent global directories, including Chambers, which ranks her as a Band 1 lawyer in Life Science in Colombia; The Legal 500, which lists her in the Hall of Fame for lawyers in Colombia; and IAM Patent, which rates her as a Gold-tier lawyer in Colombia.