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## Education

St. Olaf College, B.A. Biology and Religion 1984 *cum laude*

University of Minnesota, M.S. Genetics 1986

University of Minnesota Law School, J.D. 1992 *cum laude*, *Minnesota Law Review*

## Bar Admissions

Admitted to the bar in Minnesota, the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

## Professional Experience

Partner at Viksnins Harris & Padys PLLP. Practice emphasizes patent prosecution in the areas of biotechnology and international patent law. Previously Of Counsel with Fish & Richardson P.C., P.A. (2004-2005), Shareholder with Schwegman, Lundberg, Woessner & Kluth, P.A. (1995-2003), Associate with Patterson & Keough, P.A. (1992-1994), and a Law Clerk with Merchant & Gould, P.A. (1991). Technical experience as a Licensing Assistant with the Office of Patents and Licensing, University of Minnesota (1990-1991), an Assistant Scientist for the University of Minnesota, Institute for Human Genetics and the BioProcess Technology Institute (1988-1989), and a Research Assistant for Cornell University, Department of Veterinary Microbiology (1986-1988).

## Professional Associations

American Intellectual Property Law Association, Association of University Technology Managers, American Bar Association, Minnesota State Bar Association, Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association, Minnesota Women Lawyers.

## Presentations and Publications

"What's on the Horizon with the New USPTO Rules?" Association of University Technology Managers Annual Meeting (March 2008).

"A Guide to International Patent Protection," *Intellectual Property Management in Health and Agricultural Innovation, A Handbook of Best Practices* (published by MIHR and PIPRA, 2007).

"Trade Secrets - Protective Orders, Employee Issues, Non-Competes," *American Intellectual Property Law Association Annual Meeting* (October 2006).

"Calling Tech Support: Practical and Legal Issues in Utilization of Non-Attorney Technologists in Patent Prosecution," American Intellectual Property Law Association Spring Meeting (May 2004).

"Alternatives to Waiving Patent Rights Back to Inventors," Association of University Technology Managers Annual Meeting (March 2004).

"International Patents: Application Filing Alternatives and Recent Changes in PCT Procedures," *American Intellectual Property Law Association Annual Meeting* (October 2002).

"Guide to International Patent Protection," *Associate of Technology Managers Manual* (2002).

"Dusting Off a Portfolio of Devices, Materials and Processes: To File, or Not to File? That is the Question," *Association of University Technology Managers Central Regional Meeting* (July 2001).

"International Patent Protection," *Association of University Technology Managers Central Regional Meeting* (August 2000).

"Prior Art: Silent Time Bombs That Can Blow Away Your Licensing Deals," *Association of University Technology Managers Journal* (December, 1996).