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Practice Areas: Patent prosecution and opinion work in the Life Sciences

Education

William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, 2002
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Ph.D., Neuroscience, 1997
Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, B.A., Biology, 1991

Bar Admissions

Minnesota, 2002
United States Patent and Trademark Office, 1999

Professional Experience

Viksnins Harris & Padys PLLP
Partner, 2011 to present
Senior Associate, 2005 to 2010

Practice emphasizes preparation and prosecution of patent applications for university and corporate clients in the biological and biochemical arts, primarily in the fields of biotechnology, agriculture and food sciences, including applications related to molecular and cellular biology, immunology, RNA inhibition, gene therapy, diagnostic methods, research tools, and transgenic plants and animals and related opinion work, such as patentability and freedom to operate opinions, including opinions to support licensing and acquisition activities.

Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner, P.A.

Associate, 2002 to 2005; Law Clerk/Patent Agent, 1999-2002; Staff Scientist, 1998-1999.

Practice emphasized preparation and prosecution of United States and international patent applications for university and corporate clients in the Life Sciences and related opinion work.

University of Minnesota

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 1997-1998; Graduate Assistant/Fellow, 1991-1997; Instructor, 1995-1998.

Investigated the neurophysiology of spinocerebellar ataxia using patch clamp electrophysiology and transgenic mice and investigated the role nitric oxide plays in synaptic plasticity and learning. Taught undergraduate and graduate courses.

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

Adjunct Assistant Professor, 1995-1998.

Representative Presentations

Patent Fundamentals: The Basics of Obtaining Licensable Patents in the U.S. and Internationally, AUTM Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, 2011.

Patenting Inventions Related to Human Genes, Diagnostics and Treatments, LES Minnesota Chapter Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 2010.