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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

Admitted to the bar in Minnesota, 2002
United States Patent and Trademark Office, 1999

Professional Experience

Viksnins Harris & Padys, PLLP
Bloomington, Minnesota

Senior Associate, July 2005 to present

Practice emphasizes preparation and prosecution of United States and international patent applications for university and corporate clients in the Life Sciences, 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, transgenic plants and animals, and related opinion work.

Schwegman, Lundberg, Woessner & Kluth, P.A.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Associate, May 2002 to July 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
Minneapolis, 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
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Adjunct Assistant Professor, 1995 – 1998.