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Education

University of San Francisco School of Law, J.D., 2002

University of California, Santa Cruz, Ph.D., Synthetic Organic Chemistry, 1980

UCLA, B.S., Chemistry, 1976

Bar Admissions

United States Patent and Trademark Office, 1999

California, 2002

Professional Experience

Intellectual property attorney with experience in all aspects of patent practice in chemical, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, biological, and scientific instrumentation arts.

Experience includes patent prosecution, contracts, transactional matters, business development, strategic counseling; directing outside counsel and foreign associates; litigation support including document discovery and preparing experts and witnesses for deposition; licensing including negotiating terms and conditions; acquiring opinions from outside counsel; due diligence of IP for infringement, validity, freedom-to-operate, mergers, acquisitions and licensing; hiring, managing and mentoring patent professionals and staff.

Viksnins Harris Padys Malen LLP
Bloomington, Minnesota
Senior Patent Counsel, June 2017 to present.

Genentech, Inc.,
South San Francisco, CA
Senior Patent Counsel, 2004- June 2017– Patent prosecution of a large portfolio of small and large molecule pharmaceutical inventions. Drafting and review of complex agreements. Advising Research and Business clients on a broad variety of IP and transactional matters. Business development team member; corporate acquisitions, licensing, collaboration and other transactions. Drafted over 100 priority patent applications.

Gilead Sciences, Inc.
Foster City, CA
Patent Attorney, 2002-2004

Applied Biosystems
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Patent Agent, Patent Attorney 1998-2002
Peptide Synthesis R&D Group Leader, 1993-1996
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Beckman Instruments
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Senior Research Chemist, 1984-1986

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References and representative work product available upon request

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