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Practice Areas: Patent prosecution and opinions in the Biological and Biochemical arts

Education

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

University of Minnesota, M.S. Genetics 1986

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

Bar Admissions

Admitted to the State bars of Minnesota and Iowa, 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

Founding Partner at Viksnins Harris Padys Malen LLP (April 2005 to present). 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 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); Assistant Scientist for the University of Minnesota, Institute for Human Genetics and the BioProcess Technology Institute (1988-1989); 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, Licensing Executives Society, Minnesota Women Lawyers, National Association of Women Business Owners.

Recent Presentations and Publications

"Potential Potholes in Patent Filings and Prosecution – How to Avoid or Remedy Them," *AIPLA Webinar* (April 2019)

"First to File: You Don't Have Time to Make All the Mistakes Yourself," *AUTM Annual Meeting* (March 2014).

"Myriad Perspectives on the Supreme Court's Ruling in *Association for Molecular Pathology v. Myriad Genetics, Inc.*" *Midwest IP Institute* (September 2013).

"Intellectual Property Law," *With Equal Right -- Minnesota Women Lawyers* (October 2012)

"Adding *Mayo v. Prometheus* to the Mix Practical Analysis and Advice for Patent Prosecutors and Litigators," *Midwest IP Institute* (September 2012).

"Health and IP: Strange Bedfellows," *AIPLA Annual Meeting* (May 2012).

"Fundamentals of US Patent Practice," *AUTM Annual Meeting* (March 2011).

"In-Licensing: How to Increase the Probability of Success in Structuring a Licensing Deal," *Licensing Executives Society, Minnesota Chapter* (December 2010).

"Managing the Patent Process with Academic Researchers," *AUTM Annual Meeting* (March 2010).

"How to Save Time and/or Money and Still Obtain a Quality Patent," *AUTM Annual Meeting* (February 2009).

"What's on the Horizon with the New USPTO Rules?" *AUTM 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).

"Alternatives to Waiving Patent Rights Back to Inventors," *AUTM Annual Meeting* (March 2004).