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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 Malen LLP

Partner, January 2011 to present

Senior Associate, 2005 to 2010

Practice emphasizes preparation and prosecution of patent applications for corporate and university clients in the biological and biochemical arts, primarily in the field of biotechnology, including applications related to molecular and cellular biology, immunology, RNA inhibition, gene therapy, packaging and delivery of therapeutic molecules, 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 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 several undergraduate and graduate courses.

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

Adjunct Assistant Professor, 1995-1998.