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Abstracts

Lessons Learned in Life and the Law

How did someone with a Ph.D. in molecular biology become a patent litigator at Dell? And why do you care? Good questions. I'll talk a little about my journey from Rockne, Texas, through [too many?] years of education (including a stint at Texas State University) to my cube in Round Rock. Along the way, I've made mistakes, changed course, met amazing people, and picked up some DOs and DON'Ts that I will test on all of you before I decide whether or not to ultimately pitch these to my daughter (who is two and already doubts a fair amount of what I tell her).

Commercialization and IP

Intellectual Property (IP) can play a big role in starting and growing a business. I'll discuss types of IP, what can be protected, and tips to consider when sharing your IP with collaborators or investors. I'll also talk about getting, monetizing, and enforcing IP—with an emphasis on patents.

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Experience

Sr. Patent Litigation Counsel at Dell

March 2015 - Present (6 months)

I work to help Dell achieve the best possible results in civil lawsuits, primarily patent actions.

Sr. Associate at Norton Rose Fulbright

January 2010 - February 2015 (5 years 2 months)

My practice focused primarily on litigation and appellate matters directed to patents, as well as trade secrets and trademarks. My experience included primary responsibility for briefing and arguing dispositive motions and appeals. My litigation and appellate matters focused on a diverse array of technologies including DNA analysis, pharmaceuticals, wireless communications, computer hardware and software, oilfield services, and recombinant DNA. My patent prosecution and transactional matters focused on inventions in the area of biotechnology, including diagnostics and therapeutics.

Law Clerk to Judge Gajarsa at U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

August 2008 - September 2009 (1 year 2 months)

Skills & Expertise

Intellectual Property

Litigation

Appeals

Patents

Patent Litigation

Education

The University of Texas School of Law

Juris Doctor (J.D.), 2005 - 2008

Activities and Societies: Texas Law Review; Chancellors; Women's Law Caucus - Executive Board; State Bar of Texas Intellectual Property Section Scholarship for Women and Minorities; Order of the Coif; University of Texas School of Law Merit Scholarship

Baylor College of Medicine

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Molecular and Cellular Biology, 1997 - 2005

Activities and Societies: Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Project Fellow; Graduate Education Committee

Texas State University-San Marcos

Bachelor's Degree, Biology, 1993 - 1997

Activities and Societies: School of Science Most Outstanding Undergraduate Award; Barry Goldwater Scholarship; National Science Foundation Intern

Honors and Awards

Texas Rising Star, Intellectual Property

Thomson Reuters

2014

Texas Rising Star, Intellectual Property

Thomson Reuters

2015

Organizations

State Bar of Texas

Austin IP Inn of Court

Women in IP, Austin Chapter

Association of Corporate Counsel

Publications

Co-author, "US Supreme Court Rules Isolated DNA Is Not Patent-Eligible"

Norton Rose Fulbright Briefing June 18, 2013

Authors: Sheila Kadura

Co-author, "Federal Circuit Holds That False Marking Claims Must Be Pled With Particularity"

Fulbright Briefing March 31, 2011

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"The Federal Circuit Confirms that the Bar for Proving Deceptive Intent in False Patent Marking is Particularly High"

Fulbright Briefing June 24, 2010

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"Is an Absolute Ban on Reverse Payments the Appropriate Way to Prevent Anticompetitive Agreements Between Branded and Generic Pharmaceutical Companies?"

Texas Law Review [86 Tex. L. Rev. 647] February 2008

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Kadura and Sazer, "SAC-ing mitotic errors: How the spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC) plays defense against chromosome mis-segregation"

Cell Motility and the Cytoskeleton [61(3):145-60] 2005

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Kadura et al., "The A78V mutation in the Mad3-like domain of Schizosaccharomyces pombe Bub1p perturbs nuclear accumulation and kinetochore targeting of Bub1p, Bub3p, and Mad3p and spindle assembly checkpoint function"

Molecular Biology of the Cell [16(1):385-95] 2005

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