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Intellectual Property *Matters* ^{PLLC}

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EDUCATION

B.A. (Honours) Chemistry, University of York (England), 1978

BAR ADMISSIONS

United States Patent and Trademark Office, 1992

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Washington State Patent Law Association

CURRENT PRACTICE

SPECKMAN LAW GROUP PLLC

Patent Agent, 1996-present

- Patent practice is focused mainly in the areas of biotechnology and biomedical devices
- Practice involves discussing invention disclosures with inventors and management, analyzing patentability searches, preparing and filing domestic and foreign patent applications, prosecuting domestic and foreign patent applications, and performing landscape and patentability searches
- Assist in preparing patentability opinions, and patent infringement and validity opinions

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

STOEL RIVES LLP, Seattle, WA

Patent Agent, 1993-1995

- Prepared and prosecuted U.S. and international patent applications in the mechanical, chemical and biotechnology fields, including preparation of applications, responses to Patent Office Actions, appeal briefs, and petitions
- Drafted trademark applications and responses to Trademark Office Actions
- Assisted in preparing infringement and patentability opinions
- Liaison with clients and foreign associates

ICOS Corp., Bothell, WA
Patent Agent, 1/1993-5/1993

- Assisted in setting up the legal/patent department, including development of databases, development and implementation of procedures, and recruitment of administrative staff
- Responsible for prior art searching and analysis, and for research into other legal areas, such as import/export control
- Additional responsibilities included drafting responses to Patent Office Actions, tracking of research activities and potentially patentable inventions within the company, and drafting material transfer agreements

Scientific Administrator, 1990-1992

- As one of the first employees of a start-up biotechnology company, role ranged from that of personnel manager to facilities manager
- Responsibilities included liaison between scientific staff and outside patent counsel, coordination of a major research collaboration with a large pharmaceutical company, administration of collaborations with academic researchers, and supervision of safety and administrative staff

WASHINGTON RESEARCH FOUNDATION, Seattle, WA
Manager, Biological Materials, 1989-1990

- Managed the sale and distribution of biological materials for a non-profit technology transfer agency; increased sales by 50% through direct marketing
- Office management, including recruitment and supervision of administrative staff

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DEPT. OF NEUROLOGY, San Francisco, CA
Administrative Analyst, 1984-1986

- Responsible for administrative support of a major medical research laboratory
- Supervised and recruited office staff, organized meetings and conferences, coordinated travel arrangements, facilitated communication with collaborators at other institutes, edited and composed correspondence, transcribed complex biochemical/biological material, compiled grant applications