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**PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

**Womble Bond Dickinson (US), LLP (formerly Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice)  
(1988—2019)**

- Retired December 31, 2019, after 32 Years with the Firm in Intellectual Property Practice, in 3 Firm Offices
- Equity Partner (1993—2019)
- Associate (1988—1993)
- Firm Leadership Positions:
  - Global Board (2018—2019)
  - Executive Committee (2016—2018)
  - Firm Management Committee (2009—2018)
  - Managing Partner, Research Triangle Park Office (2009—2018)
  - Past Co-Chair, Intellectual Property Practice Group

**Gardere & Wynne, Dallas Texas, Associate (1985—1987)**

**EDUCATION**

**Juris Doctor**, Southern Methodist University (Dallas, Texas), May 1985

- Order of the Coif
- Assistant Editor-in-Chief, *Southwestern Law Journal* (now *SMU Law Review*)

**Master of Business Administration**, Southern Methodist University, May 1985

**Bachelor of Science, Engineering Management**, Southern Methodist University, May 1981

- *Summa cum laude*
- Tau Beta Pi, National Engineering Honorary Fraternity
- “M” Award Recipient, Highest Award Conferred for Service to the University

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

**North Carolina (1988)**

**Texas (1985)**

## **REPRESENTATIVE PROFESSIONAL HONORS & RECOGNITIONS**

*Chambers & Partners (USA)*, Ranked in NC Intellectual Property (2013-2019)

*Martindale Hubbell*, AV Preeminent Ranking (2009—2019), AV Ranking (1999—2009)

*Best Lawyers in America (2020)*, Peer Recognition for Excellence in:

- Biotechnology & Life Sciences Practice
- Copyright Law
- Technology Law

*IP Star, Managing Intellectual Property*, 2013-2015, 2019

## **REPRESENTATIVE PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

*Lifepointe Church*, Raleigh, NC, Board of Overseers (2018—present)

*Hart Institute for Engineering Leadership*, Lyle School of Engineering, Southern Methodist University, Industry Mentor (2019—Present)

*North Carolina Bar Association*, Chair, Intellectual Property Section (2003—2004)

*International Trademark Association*, Member (1990—2019)

## **REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

- “*Contracts in Innovation: An Overview of Life Sciences Contracts for Senior Scientists and Innovators*,” NC Biotechnology Center, Research Triangle Park, NC (2019)
- “*Licensing Challenges and Opportunities for Antibody Therapies in the Wake of Amgen v. Sanofi*,” Precision Medicine World Conference, Durham, NC (2018)
- “*Estop and Go: Update on Recent Decisions Affecting IP Rights*,” Florham Park, NJ (2017)
- “*Top 10 Rules for Minimizing IP Exposure: Representations, Warranties, Disclaimers, Indemnities & IP Insurance*,” Greensboro, NC (2013)
- “*The FTC’s Continuing Search for Alignment of IP Rights with Competition in a Technology-Dependent Market*,” Florham Park, NJ (2011)
- “*Trademarks in Business Transactions: Mergers, Acquisitions & Due Diligence*,” Co-Presenter, International Trademark Association, New Orleans, LA (2003)
- “*Developments in Technology Licensing: The Impact of Bankruptcy and Insolvency on the Licensor-Licensee Relationship*,” American Furniture Manufacturers Association, Greensboro, NC (2002)
- “*From Scandal to Vogue: Registrability of Scandalous Trademarks*,” International Trademark Association, Naples, FL (1998)