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**EDUCATION:** *JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY*, Baltimore, Maryland  
Master of Science in Biotechnology, May 2002  
Obtained M.S. while working full-time at U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

*GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY*, Atlanta, Georgia  
J.D., Core concentration in Intellectual Property Law, June 1997

- Scholarship recipient; conducted research and authored papers on Computer and Software Patents, Doctrine of Equivalents, Disclosure Requirements, Post-Issue Prior Art and Re-examination, and Biotechnology Patents
- Hosted Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition

*JOHANNES KEPLER UNIVERSITY*, Linz, Austria  
Austrian-American Comparative Dispute Resolution Program, with Honors, Summer 1996

- Conducted research and prepared papers on International Intellectual Property Disputes and Arbitration

*CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY*, Cleveland, Ohio  
Bachelor of Science, Biomedical Engineering, May 1991

- Major studies in Materials and Polymer Engineering
- Research Assistant - Biomedical Engineering Biomaterials Laboratory
- Scholarship recipient; conducted research on metal alloys and polymeric implants

**EXPERIENCE:** Patent/IP Attorney/Partner, **Hershkovitz & Associates, LLC/H&A Intellectual Property Law, PLLC**

Alexandria, VA, August 2006-Present (Partner 2/2010)

- Prosecuted patents in a wide range of technologies, both domestic and foreign
- Counseled clients pertaining to special issues including numerous petitions and re-examination proceedings
- Conducted Patentability and Freedom-to-Operate Searches and Analysis

Associate, **Kilyk & Bowersox**

Warrenton, VA, January 2006-August 2006

- Prosecuted patents in a wide range of technologies, both domestic and foreign, including Mechanical and Biotechnology arts
- Drafted applications and interviewed/communicated with USPTO examiners on a regular basis
- Conducted Patentability and Freedom-to-Operate Searches and Analysis

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### **Associate, Wood, Phillips, Katz, Clark & Mortimer**

Chicago, IL, September 2003-August, 2005

- Prosecuted patents in a wide range of technologies, both domestic and foreign, with an emphasis in Biotechnology Diagnostics, including Assays and Pharmaceuticals
- Counseled clients pertaining to complex issues for patent applications having subject matter of genetic engineering, molecular biology and immunology, such as utility, enablement, written description, and indefiniteness

### **Primary Patent Examiner, U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Washington, D.C., 1991-94, 1997-2003

- *Awards:* Outstanding Rating and Performance Awards, 1992-94, 97-98, 00-02
- Examined and reviewed patent applications in a wide area of technology, including, but not limited to, Biotechnology Arts including Implants and Prosthesis, Surgical and Medical Devices/Instruments, Diagnostic Testing and Miscellaneous Medical Methods. Other areas of expertise include Chemical and Mechanical Apparatus, Electrical Devices and Business Methods.
- Conducted DIALOG/STN and non-patent literature searches and prior art analysis for patent applications in Surgical/Biotech/Medical Methods and Business Methods.
- Examined Re-issues patents and Re-examination and Interference Proceedings pertaining to litigation subject matter and filing priority.
- Selected for special projects at the Office of PCT Legal Administration. Analyzed legal issues and answered petitions pertaining to International Patent Applications.
- Trained many Patent Examiners in Art Units 3738 (Surgery) and 3626 (Business Methods).
- Selected as a Quality Assurance panelist for “Second Pair of Eyes” and GS-12 Review for quality control for both Primary and Junior Patent Examiners.
- Participated as an active member of the Patent Office Education Committee. Delivered a number of lectures on Surgical Art. Facilitated intellectual discussions on technological advances.
- Selected for special projects at the Special Program Law Office of Technology Center 3600. Answered petitions on withdrawal of abandonment, petitions to make special, and various special patent laws.

**BAR MEMBERSHIP:** Virginia (1999), Georgia (1997) and District of Columbia (2007)

**USPTO:** Registered to Practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2004)

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:** Vietnamese