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Chris assists small and large clients with transactional and patent prosecution-related matters. She counsels on prosecution strategies for utility and design patents and helps clients assess validity, freedom to operate and patentability of their own and competitors' patent portfolios.

**OVERVIEW**

Chris assists clients, ranging from solo inventors to universities to international corporations, with obtaining patent protection for their inventions. She is able to clearly and effectively translate complex legal concepts into language that is easily understandable and actionable by scientists and other non-attorneys. Chris draws on her experience as a licensing associate at the Georgia Tech Research Corp., including evaluating technologies, negotiating licenses and other contracts, and assisting Georgia Tech-based startups with intellectual property issues and licensing.

After receiving her Ph.D. in biology and biomedical science from Emory University, Chris pursued intellectual property coursework at the University of North Carolina School of Law and participated in an externship at the University of North Carolina's Office of Technology Development.

In her pro bono work, Chris assists veterans with the preparation of wills, financial powers of attorney and other estate planning documents.

**REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

- Counsels clients regarding patent filing and prosecution strategies, particularly in the life sciences technologies.
- Provides opinions regarding validity, patentability and freedom to operate for patents and products of interest to her clients.
- Assists clients with obtaining design patents, and works with clients on developing filing strategies to enhance and strengthen their patent portfolios.
- Helps clients that are acquiring other companies to understand and evaluate each target's patent portfolio, including legal status, claim scope and patent term.

**AWARDS**

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch: Intellectual Property Law (2022-2025), Litigation – Intellectual Property (2022-2025)*

## TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Intellectual Property
- Litigation + Trial
- Patent Prosecution, Counseling + Portfolio Management

## ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Academic + Research Institutions
- Health Care + Life Sciences
- Health Care + Life Sciences Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation + Trial
- Patent Prosecution, Counseling + Portfolio Management

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Technology Licensing associate, Georgia Tech Research Corp., 2011-2013

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION

- University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D., 2010, notes editor, *North Carolina Journal of Law & Technology*
- Emory University, Ph.D., 2007, biology and biomedical sciences with a concentration in microbiology and molecular genetics
- Louisiana State University, B.S., 2002, microbiology
- Louisiana State University, B.S., 2002, biochemistry

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

### COURT ADMISSIONS

- Court of Appeals of Georgia
- Supreme Court of Georgia