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Kathryn Wade focuses her practice on intellectual property matters in the biotechnology industry, including managing domestic and foreign patent prosecution; representing clients in post-grant proceedings; drafting opinions on patentability, invalidity, and non-infringement issues; and providing technical support and analysis in patent litigation. Kathryn has experience in the areas of biotechnology, disease treatment and diagnostics, pharmaceuticals, and biomedical devices.

Kathryn has provided intellectual property counsel to a variety of clients, ranging from start-up life sciences companies, to universities, to multinational biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies. She routinely works with in-house counsel, scientific officers, inventors, and corporate business people to identify and protect the intellectual property of each client.

Kathryn has experience in post-grant proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including experience with *inter partes* review proceedings on behalf of clients seeking to invalidate the patents of third parties, as well as on behalf of clients whose patents were the subject of such a validity attack by a third party.

Kathryn received her Ph.D. in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics from Emory University, where she designed and implemented molecular biology and biochemical experiments to study the interaction of proteins in the bacterium *Bacillus subtilis*. Kathryn did postdoctoral work at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where she conducted molecular biology research to study the genetics of cardiovascular disease.

Kathryn was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Biotechnology and Life Sciences in 2027 and the 16 years immediately preceding. She was also named the 2013 "Atlanta Lawyer of the Year" in the area of Biotechnology Law and the 2023 "Atlanta Lawyer of the Year" in the area of Biotechnology and Life Sciences by *The Best Lawyers in America*®. Kathryn was the recipient of the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyer Foundation's "One Child, One Lawyer" volunteer of the year award in 2009.

Education

Georgia State University, College of Law J.D. (2002) *cum laude*

Emory University Ph.D. (1999) Microbiology and Molecular Genetics,

North Carolina State University B.S. (1992) Zoology,

Admissions

Georgia (2002)

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2003)

Professional & Community Activities

Intellectual Property Owners, Pharmaceutical & Biotechnology Issues Committee, Vice Chair (2020-Present)

Georgia State University College of Law, Intellectual Property Advisory Board Member (2007-Present)

Georgia State University Law Review, Former Associate Legislation Editor

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