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Ms. Gifford's has extensive experience in litigation and counseling related to all aspects of intellectual property, including patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, unfair competition and antitrust. Ms. Gifford has particular expertise in Hatch-Waxman litigation and FDA regulatory issues.

Ms. Gifford has represented foreign and domestic clients in U.S. District Courts, U.S. Appellate Courts, the Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Ms. Gifford's patent litigation experience includes a wide range of technical fields including mechanical, pharmaceutical, chemical, and material science. Ms. Gifford also has experience with e-commerce and internet business method patent litigation. Ms. Gifford also performs a wide range of additional intellectual property-related services, including drafting and negotiating licenses and settlement agreements, and conducting due diligence.

Ms. Gifford was admitted to the Bar of the State of Tennessee in 1999 and the Bar of the District of Columbia in 2001. She is also admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the United States District Courts for the District of Columbia. Ms. Gifford is also registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Ms. Gifford is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

Areas of Concentration:

- Litigation
- Counseling
- Licensing and Transactions
- Copyright
- Trademarks, Collective Marks and Service Marks

Education:

- B.S. Chemistry, Tennessee Technological University – 1996
- J.D. University of Memphis – 1999
- LL.M. Intellectual Property (ABT), George Washington University - 2001

Bar Admissions:

- District of Columbia
- Tennessee

Court Admissions:

- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
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Publications:

- "Patent Law Perspective on the Report of the Federal Trade Commission on Balancing Competition and Patent Law and Policy," Prepared for the ABA Section of Antitrust Law, May, 2004
- "Limitations on Exclusive IP Rights by Competition Law," Prepared for AIPPA, Response of the American Group to Q187, March 2003
- "Patent Litigation: Lessons from Recent Cases," Prepared for the Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals Conference, Law Seminars International, April 2002
- "The Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act," 30 U. Mem. L. Rev. 363 (2000), *reprinted in* Intellectual Property Law Review (West 2001).