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Ms. Kitts graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, with an emphasis in microbiology. After graduation she worked as a biochemist for Life Technologies, Inc. in Gaithersburg, Maryland in the area of protein purification. She received a J.D., specializing in Intellectual Property Law, from George Mason University School of Law in 1993. Ms. Kitts was admitted to the District of Columbia bar in 2003 and the Pennsylvania bar in 1993. She was also admitted to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in 1992.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Kitts practiced at a general practice firm and an intellectual property firm in Washington, D.C. Ms. Kitts' current practice includes patent prosecution and the preparation of patentability, validity and infringement opinions in the chemical, biotechnology and pharmaceutical fields.

**Areas of Concentration:**

- Patent Prosecution
  - Biotechnology
  - Chemical
  - Pharmaceutical

**Education:**

- B.S. Biology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University - 1986
- J.D. from George Mason University - 1993
- M.S. Biotechnology with concentration in Bioinformatics from John Hopkins University - 2005

**Bar Admissions:**

- District of Columbia Bar
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office