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Education

Master of Divinity, Wake Forest University, anticipated 2019
- Mason-Pittman Scholarship

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, Wake Forest University School of Law, 1994
- Editor-in-Chief, *Wake Forest Law Review*, 1993-1994
- James W. Mason Scholarship

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 1992
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 1990
- Published Thesis: *Application of Quantitative Feedback Theory to ... Spacecraft Control ...* (1992)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, 1990-1991
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society
- President, Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity
- Senator, Representing the College of Engineering in the University Student Senate
- Benjamin O. Hood Service Award for Leadership in the College of Engineering

Employment

Practicing Attorney in an International Law Firm for 20 years. Associate (1996-2000) and Partner (2000-present) in Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, an AmLaw 100 firm. Co-chair of its nationally-ranked, 100+ person patent-litigation group for 9 years. Focus on intellectual-property law, primarily on disputes and counseling relating to high-tech patent rights. Resident in the Winston-Salem office. Represented high-profile clients across the country. Appeared in more than 90 lawsuits involving intellectual property in the federal courts of 15 states.

Adjunct Professor at Two Universities. Taught "Internet Business Law" for 7 years at the Wake Forest University School of Law, 2000-2006. Co-taught "Legal Issues in Engineering Management" at the Graduate School of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte for 8 years, 2001-2008.

Judicial Clerk to Two Federal Judges. Judicial clerk to the Hon. Alvin A. Schall, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Washington, DC, 1995-1996, and to the Hon. Frank W. Bullock, Jr., Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC, 1994-1995.

Assistant to Dr. Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., President, Wake Forest University. During my last two years of law school and for an additional year while clerking for Judge Bullock (1992-1995), my wife and I lived in the carriage house beside the president's home and performed a wide range of duties for Dr. Hearn, his wife Laura, and their family members, such as driving Dr. Hearn to and from the airport, washing dishes during university functions, and staying in the President's home while he worked in France one summer.

Career Honors

Elected for many years to *Business North Carolina* magazine's "Legal Elite" list as one of the top patent attorneys in North Carolina based on a survey of North Carolina attorneys. Selected to *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Intellectual Property Law each year since 2007. One of only six attorneys in North Carolina ranked as a #1 band attorney in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for Intellectual Property, 2012-present. AV® rated by Martindale-Hubbell since 2005.

Bar Service

- Editor-in-Chief, American Bar Association's *Intellectual Property Litigation* newsletter, 2007-2016
- The Most Valuable Editor Award, American Bar Association Litigation Section, 2015
- Chair, North Carolina Bar Association's Intellectual Property Section, 2006-2007
- Co-Chair, several ABA committees, including young lawyers, open-source software and international trade

Community Service

- Sunday School and Wednesday Night Teacher, South Fork Church of Christ, multiple quarters, last 15 years
- Pulpit Minister Search Committee, South Fork Church of Christ, 2015-2016
- Treasurer, Mt. Tabor High School Arts Board, 2015-present
- Executive Committee Member, Mt. Tabor High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association, 2015-present
- Board Member, William G. White ("Central") YMCA, 2015-present
- Board Member, Children's Museum of Winston-Salem, 2005-2010
- Board Member, UNC Charlotte Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, 2005-2011
- Board Member, Bethesda Center for the Homeless, 2001-2003
- Three International Mission Trips—Twice to Haiti (1999, 2001), Once to Peru (2012)

Publications

- *Trademark Infringement, Likelihood of Confusion, and ... Parody*, 28 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 705 (1993)
- *The State Secret Privilege Invoked in Civil Litigation*, 29 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 567 (1994)
- *Contributory Negligence ... and Stare Decisis in North Carolina*, 18 CAMPBELL L. REV. 1 (1996)
- *Prior Consistent Statements ...*, 24 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 509 (1997) (with the Hon. Frank W. Bullock, Jr.)
- Multiple publications in legal newspapers, bar newsletters, and seminar notebooks, 1998-present
- Yearly summary of patent cases from the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, 2007-present

These articles have been cited in over 50 law journals, including in the *Stanford Law Review*, *Berkeley Technology Law Journal*, *North Carolina Law Review*, *New York University Law Review*, *Cornell Law Review*, *Journal of Natural Resources & Environmental Law*, *Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties*, *Law and Contemporary Problems*, *William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal*, and *American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy, and the Law*, and continue to be cited. They have been cited by appellate courts, including the Supreme Courts of Kentucky, Mississippi, and New Mexico, Courts of Appeal of Maryland, South Carolina, and Utah, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. They have also been cited in leading treatises on unfair competition, causes of action, and evidence, as well as in at least eight other treatises.

Speaking Engagements

Regularly speak at seminars, academic symposia, and conferences on intellectual-property law and other topics—at least 150 speaking engagements. Spoke in Atlanta, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Detroit, Durham, Houston, New York, Palo Alto, Philadelphia, Princeton, Raleigh, San Francisco, San Jose, Seattle, Washington, and Winston-Salem at events sponsored by the American Bar Association, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Association of Corporate Counsel, Licensing Executives Society, Campbell University, Duke University, University of North Carolina, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Wake Forest University, and my law firm. Provided on-site seminars to multiple Fortune 500 and high-tech companies.

Personal

Grew up between Snow Camp and Liberty, NC; active in Baptist churches and Churches of Christ; married to Tracey Andrews Gardner for 24 years; two children, Ben (17) and Caroline (15); enjoy family time, reading, running, swimming, triathlons, spin biking, chess, science, listening to music, comedy, watching my children's sports and performances, and traveling.