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Allison Dobson focuses her practice on patent prosecution and counseling, due diligence, post-grant proceedings such as *Inter Partes* Review (IPR), litigation, licensing, and other intellectual property issues. She has experience with a wide range of technologies including biotechnology, medical devices, and pharmaceutical innovations, as well as other matters in chemistry and life sciences. Allison prosecutes patents for clients in the U.S. and abroad and provides counseling and opinions regarding patentability, patent validity, infringement, and freedom-to-operate. She also has IPR experience from both patent owner and petitioner perspectives.

Prior to her legal career, Allison conducted research in the medical sciences, including molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, cell biology, and toxicology. She also took Medical Gross Anatomy and taught Anatomy & Physiology at Winston-Salem State University. She was an NIH Postdoctoral Fellow in Molecular Neurotoxicology at Wake Forest University School of Medicine and a legal Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Genomics and Society of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Allison was recognized in 2018, 2019, and 2020 as a North Carolina “Rising Star” for Intellectual Property by *Super Lawyers* magazine.

Experience

Counsel a nonprofit research and teaching hospital regarding freedom-to-operate issues, including investigation

and analysis of potentially relevant intellectual property and analysis of proposed assays intended to design around numerous patents.

Represent Wake Forest University Health Sciences in preparing and prosecuting numerous U.S. and international patent applications, including applications relating to cancer diagnostics and/or treatment, the treatment of neuronal dysfunction. For example, patents have been granted for methods to prevent neurodegeneration, to detect elevated MAP-2 in melanoma, and the use of angiotensin antagonists to treat cancer. Also, the firm assisted with patent license counseling and negotiation, inventorship disputes, and inter-university agreement negotiations.

Represent a leading clinical laboratory services provider in intellectual property related services, including freedom to operate analyses, patent license negotiation and review, collaborative research and development agreement preparation and analysis, patent prosecution and litigation services and due diligence and pre-litigation counseling. Technologies include clinical diagnostic services; robotics; bioinformatics; genome mapping; genetic testing; gene mapping and counseling; companion diagnostics; blood testing services, and biotechnology.

Education

University of North Carolina School of Law J.D. (2009) Gressman-Pollitt Award for Oral Advocacy; *The Order of Barristers*

University of South Alabama College of Medicine Ph.D. (2001) Basic Medical Sciences

Georgia Institute of Technology B.S. (1996) Applied Biology

Admissions

North Carolina (2010)

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina (2012)

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2011)

Professional & Community Activities

North Carolina Bar Association, Member

American Red Cross, Board Member

Leadership Winston-Salem, Class of 2021, Member



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Kilpatrick Townsend Elects New Partners and Elevates New Counsel
January 6, 2021

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36 Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named to the 2019 North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society
May 28, 2020

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Federal Circuit Finds Method of Preparation Claims Patent Eligible
April 3, 2020

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2020 North Carolina Super Lawyers
February 27, 2020

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35 Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named to the North Carolina Pro Bono Honor Society
May 24, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2019 North Carolina Super Lawyers
January 28, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Elevates 11 Attorneys to Counsel
December 10, 2018

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February 6, 2018

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August 25, 2017

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Is the Pendulum About to Swing Back?

August 10, 2017

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How Does the PTAB Evaluate Follow-On IPR Petitions?

March 30, 2017

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Federal Circuit Grants En Banc Review Of Amendment In AIA Trials

August 31, 2016

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Chemistry/Life Sciences Developments

February 24, 2016

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Federal Circuit Remands IPRs to PTAB for Reference Consideration

December 4, 2015

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PTAB Relaxes Rules Related to Motion to Amend in IPR

October 30, 2015

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USPTO Proposes Amendments to PTAB Rules

August 24, 2015