



## Christine R. Ethridge

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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

Ms. Ethridge is a partner in K&L Gates and a registered patent lawyer, whose practice is concentrated in the area of intellectual property. Ms. Ethridge counsels clients in intellectual property matters, including providing noninfringement opinions, freedom to use studies, and advice regarding the creation, exploitation and enforcement of clients' patent portfolios. Ms. Ethridge is experienced in all phases of U.S. and international patent prosecution in diverse fields, including catalysis, luminescent markers, magnetic recording media and other special purpose materials, coal processing, medical and laboratory devices, pharmaceutical agents, chemical and immunological processes and compounds, sterilization, prostheses and implants, lighting and fiber optics devices, and surgical equipment. Ms. Ethridge is experienced in planning, negotiating and drafting a broad range of domestic and international technology transfer agreements and has had responsibility for the intellectual property aspects of a variety of corporate and commercial lending transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, initial public offerings and secured transactions.

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to attending law school, Ms. Ethridge worked in the immunology laboratory of Montefiore Hospital, a prominent Pittsburgh teaching hospital. Ms. Ethridge is a past Secretary/Treasurer of the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association and has chaired several committees of the Association. She has been selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*.

### PUBLICATIONS

- "Supreme Court Broadly Construes Research Exemption from Patent Infringement" (co-authored with Mark Leslie), *Intellectual Property Alert*, July 2005
- "Getting It Right the First Time: Recent Developments Highlight the Importance of Careful Preparation of Patent Applications," *The Journal of Biolaw & Business*, Special Supplement: Intellectual Property, 2001

### PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Ethridge has lectured at the West Virginia University School of Law and at Carnegie Mellon University on topics relating to patent law, with particular emphasis on biotechnology.

### PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Allegheny County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Association of University Technology Managers
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association (past Secretary/Treasurer and past chair of several committees of the Association)
- International Trade Association

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### COURT ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Supreme Court

### BAR MEMBERSHIP

Pennsylvania

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

### EDUCATION

J.D., University of Pittsburgh, 1983 (*cum laude*; Order of the Coif; Articles Editor, *Law Review*)

Post-Baccalaureate, second major, University of Pittsburgh, 1980 (Writing)

B.S., Biology, University of Pittsburgh, 1973