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Practices

Start-ups

Litigation

Intellectual Property Law

Education

- University of Toledo, J.D., 1998
- Miami University, B.A. in Zoology, 1990
- Miami University, M.S. in Microbiology, 1993

Admissions

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Ohio Bar
- Michigan Bar
- South Carolina Bar
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, South Carolina

Nexsen Pruet has shown Lica how to think out of the box by example. From the first interview, Lica heard over and over that her strong scientific background, including a Bachelor of Arts in Zoology, a Master of Science in Microbiology, work in medical research, and prior practice in medical malpractice defense was an asset. Nexsen Pruet created opportunities for Lica to use this knowledge and experience in bringing IP capabilities to the Charleston Office and putting her to work on matters in a variety of other areas, from the defense of complex personal injury cases and medical reimbursement matters, to environmental challenges and IP infringement claims.

Experience

- Representation of multiple permittees in hearings pertaining to permit challenges before the DHEC Board and in Administrative Court, including permits issued to individual property owners for private use docks and waterfront construction for commercial use. Litigated a trademark infringement case on behalf of a client sued in federal court outside of South Carolina to a negotiated resolution after minimal discovery.
- Negotiated the resolution and dismissal of an architectural copyright infringement case, avoiding months of litigation for the client.
- Prosecution of numerous patent and trademark applications for clients of all sizes to registration.

Community & Professional

- Michigan State Bar Association
- Charleston County Bar Association
- SC Women Lawyers Association
- Carolina Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law Association (former board member)

Co-authored the cover story for September 2013 edition of *South Carolina Lawyer* magazine - "Climate Change, Beach Erosion and Beachfront Regulation."

Authored "Spring Fashion Season: The Time is Right for Rip-Offs and the Industry Still Awaits a Remedy," an article on copyrights in the fashion industry featured in several publications and NP's LightSwitch.

Participated on a Q&A Panel to discuss FDA regulatory strategies and experience at SCBIO Annual State Conference November 14, 2013.