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1971 - BS, Biology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA.

1971-1973 Graduate studies, Biochemistry, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania

2000 Certificate of Advanced Public Management, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

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2005- Chief Patent Counselor, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

1973-2005 United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

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Director, Technology Center 1700 (Chemical and Materials Engineering), 3700 (Mechanical and Medical Devices)

Supervisory Patent Examiner (Supervised Art Unit handling Immunoassays and Specific Binding Assays (1990-1994) and another examining Food Technology (1996))

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Patent Examiner, biotechnology (1973-1990), food technology (1973-1976)

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Senior Executive Service Meritorious Rank Award, United States Government

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