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Denise is active in the American Intellectual Property Law Association, and is currently an AIPLA Fellow and serves on the Amicus Committee. She is a frequent speaker on Biotechnology Patent Law issues.

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**Education**

Loyola College - B.S., Biology, Education, 1975

University of Maryland, School of Medicine - M.S., Anatomy, 1982; Ph.D., 1987

South Texas College of Law - J.D., Order of the Lytae, 1993

**Bar Admissions**

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 1989

Texas State Bar, 1993

U.S. District Court; Southern District of Texas, 1993

Minnesota State Bar, 1996

U.S. Supreme Court, 2006

**Professional Associations**

American Intellectual Property Law Association

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Licensing Executives Society

Intellectual Property Owners