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Tracy joined Hovey Williams after earning her Juris Doctor degree in 1997. She currently serves as a partner of the firm and practices in all areas of patent law. Specifically, Tracy specializes in foreign and domestic chemical and biological patent preparation and prosecution; preparation of patentability and non-infringement opinions; negotiation and preparation of licensing and joint development agreements; and trademark preparation and prosecution.

Though it was not originally Tracy's intention to pursue a career in patent law, she was introduced to the intellectual property field during law school. After taking a course and earning the highest grade in the class, she was encouraged to get more involved in patent law by her professor, a partner of an IP law firm in Des Moines, Iowa. Following his advice, Tracy took more patent law classes and, upon graduation, sat for the patent bar.



Education

Drake University Law School – Juris Doctor, with high honors, 1997
University of Missouri-Rolla – Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, with an emphasis in Biochemistry, 1993

Memberships

Missouri Bar Association (MoBar)
Kansas Bar Association (KBA)
Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (KCMBAA)

- Board of Directors, 2008

Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City (AWL)

- Board of Directors, 2002-08
- President, 2007

Association for Women Lawyers Foundation

- Founding Director
- Board of Directors, Treasurer, 2008-2009

Sheffield Place (Transitional living and training facility for single women with children)

- Board of Directors, 2005-2007

Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance (LEAP)

- Board of Directors, 2007-2008

Federal Court Advocates

- Founding Committee, 2008

Bar Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 1998
Missouri, 1997
Kansas, 2008

Honors and Achievements

Best of the Bar, Intellectual Property Law, 2005, 2007-2009 (as voted by Kansas City-area attorneys)
Women Who Mean Business Award, *Kansas City Business Journal*, 2007
President's Award, Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City, 2005
Leadership Missouri Class of 2009, Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry



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