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## LEGAL AND TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE:

**Present:** Shareholder, *Gardner Groff Greenwald & Villanueva, P.C.* My practice includes patent prosecution and opinion drafting, with emphasis on chemistry and biotechnology. Specific areas of expertise include pharmaceutical, catalyst, inorganic, and polymer chemistry.

**1996-1998:** Science Advisor, *Needle & Rosenberg, P.C.*; **1998-2001:** Patent Agent, *Needle & Rosenberg, P.C.*; **2001-2005:** Associate, *Needle & Rosenberg, P.C.* Counsel corporate, academic, and government clients with respect to maximizing value from their intellectual property portfolio. Further responsibilities include preparing and prosecuting U.S. and foreign chemical and biotech patent applications, analyzing and drafting patentability, invalidity, non-infringement opinions; and negotiating and preparing licenses, confidentiality agreements, and material transfer agreements.

**1993-1996:** Post-Doctoral Fellow, *Emory University.* Conduct research in the areas of synthetic organic and organometallic chemistry, with emphasis on the synthesis of enantiomerically pure natural products using transition metal complexes.

## EDUCATION:

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia: J.D., 2001

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida: Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry, 1993

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina: B.S. Chemistry/minor in Biology, 1989

## PUBLICATIONS:

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"Synthesis and Characterization of trans-(Me<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>3</sub>Pd(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C(H)=NPr<sup>i</sup>)(NHPH), X-ray Crystal Structure Analysis of [Me<sub>3</sub>P]<sub>3</sub>Pd(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C(H)=NPr<sup>i</sup>) [BF<sub>4</sub>]," L.A. Villanueva, K.A. Abboud, and J.M. Boncella, *Organometallics* 1991.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

"The Enantiocontrolled Synthesis of Substituted Piperidines and Tetrahydropyrans Using Molybdenum Complexes of Heterocycles," 1995 International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies, Honolulu, Hawaii, L.S. Liebeskind, L.A. Villanueva, A. Ericsson, C. Rachita, and Y.D. Ward.

"Synthesis of Phosphinimines via Palladium Nitrene Intermediates," L.A. Villanueva, J.P. Roth, K.A. Abboud and J.M. Boncella, American Chemical Society National Meeting, San Diego, California, 1994.

"Preparation of Phosphazene Complexes by Way of a Palladium Nitrene Intermediate," L.A. Villanueva, K.A. Abboud, and J.M. Boncella, American Chemical Society, Orlando, Florida, 1993.

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

State Bar of Georgia  
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**ADMISSIONS:**

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (Reg. No. 43,968)  
Georgia Supreme Court  
Georgia Court of Appeals  
Georgia Superior Court  
United States District Court Northern District of Georgia  
United States District Court Middle District of Georgia