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Mr. Gess is a partner in Merchant & Gould's Washington D.C. office. Mr. Gess's practice focuses on the counseling of clients, preparing intellectual property strategies, as well as patent prosecution. He also practices and has experience in conducting due diligence studies, Section 337 actions before the International Trade Commission, and trademark protection and maintenance. From a technology standpoint, his practice focuses in the chemical and bio/pharma areas including preparation of opinions regarding pharmaceutical products in support of ANDA applications. Another focus is alternative fuels, including biofuels. He has experience in additives, chemical and gas processing, polymer chemistry, petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, herbicides, photographic materials and products, paper chemistry and processing, fiberglass materials, emulsions, including explosive emulsions, ink jet inks and paper and materials for use in optical mass data storage, nanotechnology materials and their applications.

He attended the University of Michigan with a BS in Chemistry with honors and high distinction, and graduated from George Washington University Law School with honors. He worked in the patent department of a major oil company while attending law school. He also has worked for large Fortune 100 companies as well as small product companies, taking part in preparing the patent portfolios and strategies for each.

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University of Michigan
B.S. Chemistry with honors and high distinction, 1974

George Washington University Law School
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Professional Affiliations

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