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### Areas of Practice

Intellectual Property | Patent Law | Patent Prosecution | Biotechnology / Life Sciences

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Dr. Sharon K. Ngwenya is a Patent Agent in the Intellectual Property Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

She has extensive experience identifying, evaluating, and developing IP protection strategies, and marketing and licensing intellectual property assets. With a background in scientific research, Dr. Ngwenya also has experience drafting and pursuing patent applications in the U.S. and worldwide and drafting and negotiating commercial agreements of various kinds.

Prior to joining the firm, Dr. Ngwenya worked for the University of Texas at Arlington, where she served as a Manager and Assistant Director, and the Houston Methodist Research Institute and the University of Tennessee Research Foundation. She also previously worked at another law firm as a technology specialist handling patent matters.

Dr. Ngwenya has nine years of experience in research and twelve years of experience in intellectual property asset management. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from Oakwood University, a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Texas A&M University, and completed her postdoctoral fellowship at Emory University.

### Memberships

Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM)

### CERTIFICATION

Registered Technology Transfer Professional Certification

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## Education

Ph.D., Biochemistry, Texas A&M University

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