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■ *Admitted to Practice*

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- State of Florida, 2007

■ *Education*

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- J.D., cum laude, Santa Clara University School of Law, 2006
- B.A., with honors, Goucher College, 2001

## ■ *Extended Profile*

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Ruth Vafek joined the firm as an associate in 2006. Her areas of practice are intellectual property law (including registrations, licensing and litigation), commercial litigation, appellate law, and business law. Ruth represents both plaintiffs and defendants, including private individuals, businesses, and state agencies, in commercial litigation and intellectual property litigation. She has also handled some appellate work for a diverse group of clients, as well as assisted with some administrative proceedings for both private companies and state agencies.

### EDUCATION:

Goucher College – Bachelor of Arts 2001 (with honors),  
Major – International and Intercultural Studies, Minor – French  
Santa Clara University College of Law – J.D. 2006 (cum laude)

### LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS:

The Florida Bar Association (2007)

### COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida  
All state courts in Florida

### MEMBERSHIPS:

American Bar Association – member of the Section of Litigation, Section of Intellectual Property Law, and Young Lawyers Division  
The Florida Bar  
Tallahassee Bar Association  
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### OTHER EXPERIENCE:

Among other work experience, while in law school, Ruth consulted for a closely-held technology company in Silicon Valley. She reported directly to the CEO and acted as liaison to the company's outside law firms. Ruth assisted with a wide range of matters encountered at many companies, including employment law disputes and employee grievances, negotiating contracts, corporate governance issues, stock splits, independent financial audits, working with the board of directors and outside financiers, and obtaining protection for and policing intellectual property rights. In that position, she learned first-hand, from the client's perspective, what clients need and expect from their lawyers.

In her free time, Ruth enjoys spending time with her husband Oskar, a physics professor at FSU, reading, and traveling, as well as training for and competing in equine sports, especially eventing.