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Sally is the prototypical PSM graduate—smart, flexible and entrepreneurial in spirit. A starting goalkeeper for UConn's championship women's soccer program, Sally earned a B.S. with honors from the University of Connecticut, where she won an award for her undergraduate research project. In 2002, she completed an M.S. in genetics as a member of the pilot cohort for the current PSM in Applied Genomics at the University of Connecticut. After graduation, she completed an internship and was then employed as a research assistant in genomics at the National Cancer Institute. Sally was interested in intellectual property and secured a position as patent examiner at the US Patent Office, where she worked for several years. In spring 2006, she was named Director of the Patent Analysis Group at Landon IP, Inc. in Alexandria, Virginia, and advanced to the position of Vice President at Landon. Currently, she is Patent Examiner—Medical Arts at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.