

Cynthia Gilbert is a passionate technologist and patent attorney, and founder of Hyperion Law. Hyperion Law focuses on protecting the innovations of small and medium sized technology companies with comprehensive patent strategies. Based in the Cambridge Innovation Center, Hyperion Law's client base includes many growing entrepreneurial companies, both in the New England area and around the world. Ms. Gilbert specializes in many emerging technology areas including virtualization, cloud computing, Web 2.0, social networking, and mobile technology. Her work has been widely recognized in the Boston legal community. She has been included in the Massachusetts Super Lawyers / Rising Stars Edition several times, most recently in 2011. She has also been featured in the media, having made appearances on WGBH, the New York Times, and publications of the American Bar Association. She sees her personal mission as "enabling others to actualize their world changing innovations."

Ms. Gilbert took an unusual path to legal entrepreneurship. She grew up in a lower middle-class neighborhood of Baltimore in a first generation Puerto Rican home. Aspiring to be a patent lawyer since the age of 12, she earned a degree in Computer Science on a full merit scholarship at Brandeis University and earned her J.D. in Law at Suffolk University's evening program while working at GTE/Verizon Laboratories. A year into her legal career, she was hired by Choate Hall and Stewart, a nationally ranked law firm based in Boston, to join their Software IP practice. After five years serving a broad mix of clients at Choate, Ms. Gilbert decided to strike out on her own to create a law firm focused on the needs of small and medium technology companies, a category of innovators typically under-served by large law firms.

Ms. Gilbert is an active volunteer and contributor to women- and minority-focused programs in the Boston area. She supports WEST, an organization that advances women in the business of technology and volunteers as a patent consultant for the Center for Women and Enterprise, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping women start and grow their own businesses. She also volunteers as a writing coach and mentor to high potential, low income students participating in the Citizen Schools writing programs and is an active member of ALPFA Law, an organization supporting Latino business and legal professionals.