What is claimed is:

1. A slider comprising a leading edge, a trailing edge, a working surface, and read/write heads proximate the trailing edge, the slider comprising:

a continuous protective overcoat having a thickness of at least 50 Angstroms over the working surface of the slider; and

a self-assembled monolayer coating on the working surface of the slider and over the protective overcoat, the coating comprising at least one low surface energy self-assembled monolayer material and at least one high surface energy self-assembled monolayer material.

2. The slider of claim 1 wherein the low surface energy material is a fluorinated-organosilane self-assembled monolayer material.

3. The slider of claim 1 wherein the high surface energy material is an amino-organosilane self assembled monolayer material.

4. The slider of claim 1 wherein the high surface energy material extends to the trailing edge of the slider.

5. The slider of claim 1 wherein the self-assembled monolayer coating occupies at least 20% of the working surface of the slider.

6. The slider of claim 1 wherein the working surface of the slider comprises a recessed feature and raised feature, and wherein the self-assembled monolayer coating is present in both the recessed feature and raised feature.

7. The slider of claim 6 wherein the low surface energy self-assembled material is present in the recessed feature.

8. The slider of claim 6 wherein the high surface energy self-assembled material is present in the recessed feature.

9. The slider of claim 1 wherein the self-assembled monolayer coating is shaped and sized to direct fluid flow away from the read/write heads and to the trailing edge of the slider.

10. The slider of claim 1 wherein the high surface energy self-assembled material and the low surface energy self-assembled material are present in a predetermined pattern.

11. A slider comprising a leading edge, a trailing edge, a working surface having at least one recessed feature extending to the trailing edge, the slider further comprising:

a continuous protective overcoat on at least a portion of the working surface; and

a self-assembled monolayer coating on at least a portion of the protective overcoat, the coating comprising at least one low surface energy self-assembled monolayer material and at least one high surface energy self-assembled monolayer material.

12. The slider of claim 11 wherein the high surface energy material is an amino-organosilane self assembled monolayer material.

13. The slider of claim 11 wherein the low surface energy material is a fluorinated-organosilane self-assembled monolayer material.

14. The slider of claim 11 wherein the self-assembled monolayer coating comprises two or more self-assembled monolayer materials with multiple SAM molecule moieties.

15. The slider of claim 14 wherein the two or more self-assembled monolayer materials are randomized.

16. The slider of claim 11 wherein the high surface energy self-assembled material and the low surface energy self-assembled material are present in a predetermined pattern.

17. The slider of claim 16 wherein the predetermined pattern is symmetrical about a longitudinal axis of the slider

18. A slider comprising a leading edge, a trailing edge, a working surface, read/write heads proximate the trailing edge, and a longitudinal axis extending from the leading edge to the trailing edge, the slider comprising:

a predetermined pattern of a low surface energy self-assembled monolayer coating and a high surface energy self-assembled monolayer coating on the working surface of the slider, the predetermined pattern being symmetrical about the longitudinal axis.

19. The slider of claim 18 wherein the predetermined pattern extends to the trailing edge.