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Executive Summary

Fifteen year patent attorney that obtains and services his own clients and consults for other law firms on technology-related matters. Legal experience has been tempered with five years of experience as an aerospace engineer. Excellent written and verbal skills. Legal experience includes:

- § Preparation and prosecution of 400+ U.S. patent applications for the following arts: computer software (including clustering software, cryptography, graphics, kernels, drivers, instruction sets, Internet and server software, and desktop applications); computer hardware (including single and multiprocessor servers and PC's); digital electronic engine control systems and other electronic control systems; semiconductor devices and their fabrication (including microcontrollers, electrostatic discharge protection circuits, flash EEPROMs, mask ROM processes, and DRAMs); telecommunications systems and signal processing; and mechanical tools and apparatuses.
- § Preparation and prosecution of foreign and domestic trademark applications;
- § Negotiation, draft and review of intellectual property licenses and other agreements;
- § Preparation of patent validity, patentability, and infringement studies and opinions;
- § Preparation of trademark and copyright infringement studies and opinions;
- § Preparation of briefs and other litigation documents for patent and trademark litigation;
- § Counseling clients on software-related copyright issues, including the use of closed source and open source licenses;
- § Preparation of due diligence reports and the preparation of documents related to the acquisition and divestiture of intellectual property; and
- § Supervision of outside counsel in the maintenance and enhancement of foreign and domestic intellectual property portfolios.

Additional experience with:

- § Infringement of foreign patents, trademarks, and copyrights;
- § Government contract issues and military specifications;
- § Unfair competition and anti-trust matters, particularly with respect to software standards; and
- § Management techniques to enhance the productivity of law offices.

Related engineering experience with:

- Computer hardware and use and development of computer software;
- Aircraft and their subsystems, including rockets, jets and turboprop engines;
- Digital electronic control systems, instrumentation and telemetry;
- Computer modeling of linear and non-linear dynamic systems;
- Neural networks, genetic algorithms, and artificial intelligence; and
- Blending disparate technologies into a coherent, workable system.

Admissions and Qualifications

- § State Bar of Texas
- § U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- § Certified Computer Forensic Examiner
- § U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- § U.S. District Courts - Southern District of Texas

Bar Activities

Business Law Section of the Texas Bar <i>Vice Chairman, E-Commerce Committee</i> <i>Chairman, Spam Sub-committee</i>	2005 - Present
Computer & Technology Section of the Texas Bar <i>Secretary</i>	2004 - Present
Intellectual Property Law Section of the Texas Bar <i>Member</i>	1992 - Present
Houston Intellectual Property Law Association	1998 - Present

Education

JURIS DOCTORATE, University of Houston, 1991

- Emphasis on Intellectual Property and Computer Law
- Founding member of the Intellectual Property Student Organization

MASTERS OF SCIENCE - AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, University of Michigan, 1984

- Concentration in Fluid Mechanics, minor in Structural Mechanics and Computer Modeling
- Research on Combustion and Computer Modeling of Combustion Processes

BACHELORS OF SCIENCE - AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, University of Michigan, 1982

- Gomberg Engineering Scholarship
- Michigan Merit Scholarship

Non-aerospace engineering and mathematics course work:

Circuit Analysis and Electronics (both digital and analog), Electronic Instrumentation, Atomic Physics and Quantum Mechanics, Fourier Series, Complex Variables (graduate level), Advanced Calculus, and Fortran.

Work History

RONALD CHICHESTER, P.C., Tomball, Texas <i>Sole Practitioner.</i> Transactional work in all areas of intellectual property law. Computer forensic examination and analysis. Consulting for law firms on electronic discovery issues.	2005 - Present
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW, Houston, Texas <i>Adjunct Professor of Law.</i> Taught the course on Computer & Internet Law	Fall 2000 - Fall 2004
BAKER BOTTS, L.L.P., Houston, Texas <i>Associate.</i> Patent prosecution; litigation support; intellectual property portfolio counseling, copyright registration; and handling matters related to the licensing of software.	2000 - 2005

Work History (continued)

FROHWITTER, Houston, Texas	September 1998 - 2000
<i>Associate</i> (there were no partners in the Frohwitter Firm). Patent & Trademark prosecution and transactional work. The Houston office of the merged with Baker Botts, L.L.P.	
BEIRNE, MAYNARD & PARSONS, L.L.P., Houston, Texas	June 1998 - September 1998
<i>Associate</i> . Patent Prosecution. The patent prosecution section merged with Frohwitter.	
PRIVATE PRACTICE, Kingwood, Texas	1995 - May 1998
Practice in all areas of intellectual property law.	
COOPER INDUSTRIES, INC., Houston, Texas	1989 - 1995
<i>Counsel</i> , Patents and Trademarks	1993
<i>Attorney</i>	1991
<i>Law Clerk</i>	1989
GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION (NOW LOCKHEED, CORP.), Fort Worth, Texas	1984 - 1988
<i>Senior Engineer</i>	1986
<i>Engineer</i>	1984
MCDONNELL DOUGLAS CORPORATION (NOW BOEING), St. Louis, Missouri	1982 - 1983
<i>Engineering Intern</i>	

Special Skills

28 years of software programming experience. Able to read and to write computer software applications (for desktops and servers) in a variety of languages, including Python, C/C++, Java, Pascal/Delphi, Fortran, Assembly, Basic, Prolog, PL/1 and Lisp on mainframe and DOS/Windows 3.1/95/98/NT/2000/XP, Mac OS X, Linux, and other Unix operating systems. Very familiar with database administration using SQL on MySQL, Postres, Sybase, MS SQL and similar relational and object-relational database systems, as well as the ZODB and related object database methodologies.

Proficient with Microsoft Office, WordPerfect Office, and OpenOffice on Windows, Linux, and Mac OS X.