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OBJECTIVE

Seeking a position with a law firm or Corporation that can provide a career path as a Patent Attorney and that would exploit both my technical and legal background. Ideally the position would allow me to prosecute patents, write patent applications, draft licensing agreements and contribute to the resolution of other intellectual property issues through research and analysis.

EXPERIENCE

HRL Laboratories, Malibu, CA

Sep 2007 - Present

Patent Counsel

Responsible for supervising seven outside law firms and approximately twelve patent attorneys and agents. Determine budgets and assign disclosures to outside firms. Approve all domestic patent applications, office action responses, appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPA&I). Manage a \$1.4M patent (in 2009) budget. Review billings from outside counsel, investigate questionable bills and recommend action to General Counsel. Represent HRL Legal on the Invention Evaluation Committee, identify patentability issues and contribute to HRL's patent strategy. Write patent applications for HRL (approximately 12 patent applications written in 2009). Work with the HRL Scientists to analyze the invention, ensure the patent application is technically correct, claims are as broad as possible and all inventions in the disclosure are identified. File patent applications via the PTO's Electronic Filing System (EFS). Respond to office actions for in house prosecuted patent applications, including appeals to the BPA&I. Work with the Lab Directors to develop a patent strategy and to help market HRL intellectual property.

Technology areas: semiconductor lasers, semiconductor fabrication, optical devices and photo sensitive materials, mm and micro wave RF, software and method inventions in image processing, robotic control, internet applications, nanotech structures.

Review applications generated by outside counsel for statutory subject matter, formalities, technical content, claims and claim scope. Ensure the breadth of the patent application is as broad as possible consistent with the prior art and the inventor's disclosure, even if not explicit in the disclosure. Help outside counsel resolve issues.

Review responses generated by outside counsel to PTO Office Actions for technical accuracy, clarity, strongest argument. Coordinate the technical review by the inventor. If the response calls for amending the claims, check that the amendment is necessary, then check the amendment for correctness and completeness.

Report to the General Counsel: Provide objective analysis of patentability issues, infringement issues, licence opportunities.

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Internship at California Court of Appeal, 2nd District

Oct 2004 - Apr 2005

Drafted opinion memos for senior research attorney's use in making a recommendation to the justices to grant or deny the writ. The legal issues researched include the burden on a third party recipient resisting a subpoena for documents in a trade secret violation action (Sputtered Films), minimum contacts for personal jurisdiction (Quiet Technologies), coram vobis, and the level of proof needed to support a damages claim in a suit for unfair business practices (Dionisio).

Lockheed Martin Corporation

Aug 1977 – Apr 2004

Senior Staff Operations Research Engineer

Responsible for the formal system level performance verification of an extensive installation of UNIX and Windows NT workstations interconnected with a FDDI network. Performance requirements covered computer hardware capacity margins, timeline performance and LAN capacity. Responsible for translating the higher level performance requirements into specific tests, measurements, analysis of results and evaluations of results against requirements. Developed the measurement and analysis protocols. Identified and resolved performance anomalies. Researched the functioning of Windows, AIX and Linux operating systems to identify metrics and performance limits. Identified commercial software tools to support the effort, negotiate licenses and procured the software. Presented results, status, recommendations and future plans to program and customer management.

Early Career

Senior Staff Engineer

Performed event driven simulations of special purpose computers, networks and systems to verify performance and explore design trade-offs for a large classified program. Researched the performance requirements, analysis techniques and incorporated actual test data into the simulations.

Systems Analysis Engineer

Responsible for the detailed system level resolution of problems on space qualified hardware. Researched anomalies and developed software workarounds for hardware degradation. Presented results to program and customer management. Supervised a senior engineer in support of the above. Product Integrity Engineer for an attitude control system. Responsibilities included hardware test supervision, problem resolution, trending and review of analyses.

AWARDS

Winner of the Richard Abbe Moot Court Competition

Summer 2005

Prepared an appeal brief based on a hypothetical murder conviction. Significant issues for the appellant were admissibility of transcript of unavailable witness testimony, Fourth and Fifth Amendment violations, and sufficiency of the evidence to support conviction. The sufficiency

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of the evidence issue was particularly difficult since it required arguing a negative. Persuasively argue the brief before the Justices of the Second District Court of Appeal, answered questions and pointed out the weaknesses in respondent's legal argument.

Legal Writing - tied for highest grade

Summer 2004

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate Degree, May 2006

Santa Barbara College of Law, Santa Barbara, California

Master of Electrical Engineering, May 1977

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, May 1976

Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio

Computer Skills:

Familiar with Westlaw, proficient with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Filemaker Pro and other software packages.

Additional Coursework:

Transactional Drafting, Santa Barbara College of Law, Summer 2010

Invention Analysis and Claiming Seminar by Ron Slusky

November 17-18, 2008, Santa Clara, CA, www.sluskyseminars.com

Fluid Dynamics, Orbital Mechanics, Advanced Mathematics, Kalman Filters, C Programming, Java Programming, Unix, Microcomputers, Object Oriented Analysis and Design, C++, one-week class in communications protocols including ATM.

PRO BONO WORK

Volunteer scorer for 2010 California Mock Trial Competition for high school students

AFFILIATIONS

California State Bar Association, Reg. No. 249861

United States Patent Office, Reg. No. 60770

Member of California State Bar Association Intellectual Property Section

Member of AIPLA

Member of Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers