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EXPERIENCE

Registered Patent Attorney (Domestic and International Practice); USPTO Regulatory Proceedings (PTAB, TTAB); Intellectual Property Litigation (Trial, Appellate); Copyright (Registration, Litigation); Trademark (Registration, Litigation); Portfolio Development; Management; Licensing and Monetization. Extensive experience in domestic and international patent, copyright, and trademark prosecution, litigation, and licensing. Initial practice concentration concerned U.S. and international patent applications for electrical and mechanical inventions. Later emphasis included litigation, transactions, client counseling, and supervision and training of new associates.

More recent practice emphasis includes patent, copyright and trademark litigation, emerging technology representation including licensing strategies, employee invention agreements, business plans, presentation to financing entities, due diligence investigations, clearance opinions, intellectual property title clearing, and related matters. Recently engaged as expert witness on patent law. Representative technologies include electric power systems, amusement park rides, package handling systems, vending machines, machines for manufacturing corrugated cardboard, Internet companies, electric switchgear, power conditioning equipment, electric vehicles, electric circuit design, combustion technologies, telecommunications, image processing, reconfigurable hardware, computer software, and a wide variety of business models. Representative past and current clients include: ConcealFab, Inc., Southern States LLC, Hospitality Core Services (Blueprint RF), McTech Group, Inc., uControl, Inc., Corrugated Gear & Services, Inc., Lifestream Technologies, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Microsoft, United Parcel Service, BellSouth.

Mehrman Law Office PC, President, Managing Attorney	2003 – Present
Hospitality Core Services, Lead Patent Litigation Counsel (part time)	2014 – 2016
Cantor Colburn LLP, Partner (part time)	2013 – 2014
Tomberlin Automotive Group, General Counsel (part time)	2012 – 2013
Suiter Swantz IP, of Counsel (part time)	2010 – 2011
WNS Holdings; ATI-ITI, Lead Portfolio Development and Enforcement Counsel (part time)	2006 – 2013
Gardner, Groff & Mehrman LLC, Partner	2000 – 2002
Morris, Manning & Martin LLP, Senior Associate	2000
Jones & Askew LLP, Associate	1994 – 1999
Southern Engineering Company, Atlanta Georgia, Project Manager, Stockholder	1986 – 1994
<i>Engineer and Consultant for electric utilities in areas of contract analysis, regulatory affairs, economic studies, accounting procedures and business practices. Experience in litigation, arbitration, rate cases, administrative proceedings. Contract negotiation and analysis, damage computation, and legislative and rulemaking proceedings. Expert witness before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Hydroelectric Projects Nos. 432 and 2784 including direct testimony and cross examination. Preparation of direct testimony as expert witness on contract and damages analysis on behalf of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation in arbitration and legal proceedings relating to electric power contracts. Speaker and advisor for the United States Agency for International Development in Eastern Europe on matters related to electric utilities. Advisor for the Transmission Task Force of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association charged with developing legislative and regulatory proposals culminating in the Electricity Title of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Author or co-author of comments written on behalf of electric utility clients in over a dozen administrative rulemaking proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Rural Electrification Administration.</i>	
USAID, Eastern Europe Task Force, Washington DC, Technical Expert (part time, sub-contractor)	1993-1994

EDUCATION

Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, GA 1995

Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, Class Rank: 7 of 167

Honors: Dean's Scholarship; West Publishing Scholastic Achievement Award;
College of Law Community Award; Mendes Hershman Writing Contest;
American Jurisprudence Award Litigation Workshop; American
Jurisprudence Award – Corporations

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 1986

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering |GPA: 3.5|

Activities: Power Engineering Program; Graduate Research Assistantship

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 1985

Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, High Honors |GPA: 3.4|

Honors: Daniel Scholarship; Tau Beta Pi Honor Society; Dean's List – 13 Quarters

BAR ADMISSION

Georgia (1995 – Present)

USPTO (1994 – Present)

Numerous admissions *pro hac vice* in federal courts across the United States

REPRESENTATIVE ARTS

Mobile commerce, electronic records management, telecommunications, electric power systems, antennas, industrial power plant equipment, computer software, avionics, automotive, medical devices, Internet companies, power conditioning equipment, electric vehicles, electric circuit design, combustion technologies, image processing, reconfigurable hardware, amusement park rides, package handling systems, vending machines, machines for manufacturing corrugated cardboard and a wide variety of other technologies, designs and business models

ILLUSTRATIVE PATENTS

- 11,063,425 – Electric Distribution Automation
- 11,187,351 – Telecommunications
- 11,149,385 – Concrete construction
- 11,017,413 – Internet commerce
- 10,577,760 – Concrete Repair Systems
- 10,449,310 – Medical Devices
- 9,300,528 – Computer Networks
- 9,244,484 – Spread Spectrum Electronics
- 9,077,161 – Electric Power Systems
- 8,923,371 – Semiconductors
- 8,841,746 – Computer Chip Design
- 8,800,877 – Secure Medical Records System
- 8,678,294 – Virtual Terminal Security System
- 8,331,497 – Digital Broadcast Television
- 8,635,164 – Telecommunications
- 8,384,886 – Fiber Optics
- 7,483,977 – Proactive Browser System
- 7,424,437 – Electronic Medical Records
- 7,239,285 – Antennas
- 7,092,891 – Medical Devices
- D749,923; D740,370; D701,063; D598,905 – Designs

EXPERT TESTIMONY AND APPEARANCES

2009 – Expert witness on patent law in Civil Action No. 2008RCCV01519, *Dewey v. Powergroup International, Inc.*, in the Superior Court of Richmond County, Georgia.

2003 – Expert witness on patent law in Civil Action No. 8:01-cv-2092-T-26TGW, *Mercury Enterprises, Inc. v. Ventlab Corporation*, in the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division.

1999 – *The Layman's Lawyer*, PBA Atlanta, television appearances on as Intellectual Property Law expert.

1994 – Expert witness on the subject of electric utility operation and regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Hydroelectric Projects Nos. 432 and 2784.

1993-1994 – Speaker and advisor for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Eastern Europe; Conference Speaker in Warsaw, Gdansk and Krakow, Poland; Prague, Czech Republic; Bratislava, Slovakia; Vienna, Austria.

1990-1994 – Author or co-author of comments written on behalf of electric utility clients in over a dozen administrative rulemaking proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Rural Electrification Administration.

1990-1992 – Advisor for the Transmission Task Force of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association charged with developing legislative and regulatory proposals culminating in the Electricity Title of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

SELECTED BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

Alice in 101-Derland, Intellectual Property Magazine, December/January 2015.

Functional Claiming in the Crosshairs, Intellectual Property Magazine, June 2014.

Update on the American Inventors Protection Act, 7th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute, October, 2000, Los Suenos, Costa Rica.

Costa Rica Protecting Copyrights in Cyberspace, 20th Annual Computer Law Institute, February, 2000, Atlanta, Georgia.

IP decisions strip owners of claims against states; recent Supreme Court rulings hold that the states are not bound by federal IP laws Article Abstract, The National Law Journal, December 1999.

HR1907 Update - The Saga Continues, Intellectual Property Today, October, 1999.

HR1907 - The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 Intellectual Property Today, August, 1999.

Recent Developments in Copyright Law, 4th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute, October, 1998. Young Harris, Georgia (co-author).

Strategic Concerns When Pursuing Foreign Patents in the Computer Arts, The Computer Lawyer, Volume 15, Number 3, March 1998.

Engineering Handbook (Chapter 14 – Engineering Economics), Rural Electrification Administration, 1994.