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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA, *Director of TI:GER & Professor in Practice*

July 2015 – Present

Responsible for all aspects of a multidisciplinary program in technology commercialization (TI:GER Program). TI:GER (Technological Innovation: Generating Economic Results) is an innovative partnership between Emory and Georgia Institute of Technology that brings together graduate students in law, business, science and engineering to work on ways to take innovative ideas from the lab to the marketplace.

Course Package: Fundamentals of Innovation I & II; Special Topics in Technology Commercialization I & II

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA, *Adjunct Professor*

January 2013 - July 2015;

Teaching an upper level patent litigation course. This course covers all aspects of patent litigation from pre-filing considerations to appeal and addresses the impact of the America Invents Act on patent litigation strategy. The course is designed to focus on the issues that arise in patent disputes and the critical concerns for both the patentee and defendant throughout the litigation. Particular attention is devoted to discovery, claim construction, proving infringement, non-infringement & validity, damages, and the issues relevant to case strategy & themes. In addition to the final exam, students complete assignments based on a hypothetical dispute provided in the course textbook.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Parks Wood LLC (f/k/a Parks IP Law), Atlanta, GA, *Intellectual Property Attorney*

January 2015- June 2015; April 2010 – August 2011

Represented clients in district court litigation and other intellectual property disputes; Counseled clients on patent prosecution, trademarks, trade secrets, patent & trademark licensing and strategy; Prepared & prosecuted U.S. patent applications and managed U.S. and foreign patent portfolios; Provided patentability, validity/non-infringement and FTO clearance opinions; Provided risk assessments & due diligence advice on M&A targets; Assisted clients enforce indemnity clauses against suppliers; Drafted and negotiated patent & trademark license agreements, settlement agreements, NDAs, and joint development agreements. Supervised the research and writing activities of junior associates and managed activities of several paralegals.

The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, GA, *Managing Patent Counsel*

August 2011 – December 2013

Responsible for the development and implementation of the Company's global intellectual property strategy including managing intellectual property issues related to patents, copyrights, trademark, trade secret & licensing. Lead and manage all aspects of global patent prosecution; work with outside counsel on U.S. and foreign patent prosecution matters. Review and resolve claims of both offensive and defensive patent infringement; lead pre-litigation investigations. Evaluate the validity of third party patents and potential freedom-to-operate concerns with third party IP. Provide advice on marketing agreements, joint development agreements, research agreements, and patent license agreements. Supervise and manage legal IP team with analysis of intellectual property issues including conducting the performance evaluations of paralegals and administrative personnel.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE (cont'd)

Kilpatrick Stockton, L.L.P., Atlanta, GA, *Intellectual Property Attorney*

May 2008 – April 2009

Represented clients in intellectual property disputes; drafted pleadings, written discovery, non-dispositive motions and *Markman* briefs; conducted claim construction analysis, and patent validity/invalidity analysis; provided advice on patent licensing and other intellectual property strategy. Supervised the research and writing activities of junior associates and managed activities of several paralegals.

Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, L.L.P., Minneapolis, MN & Atlanta, GA, *Intellectual Property Attorney*

April 2005 – April 2008

Represented companies in the fields of engineering, computer network switching & security software, computer hard disk drive technology, Internet software related to financial services, and medical devices in complex patent litigation; drafted pleadings, written discovery, non-dispositive motions and *Markman* briefs; conducted claim construction analysis, and patent validity/invalidity analysis; supervised technical expert discovery and damages expert discovery, deposition preparation, witness interviews, and trial preparation support. Supervised the research and writing activities of junior associates and managed activities of several paralegals.

Schwegman, Lundberg, Woessner & Kluth, P.A., Minneapolis, MN, *Patent Attorney*

September 2003 – February 2005

Represented manufacturing, petroleum technology, pharmaceutical, medical device and university clients in patent prosecution matters and advised on patentability matters. Prepared and prosecuted complex U.S. and foreign patent applications related to nanotechnology, polymer & material science, chemical, pharmaceutical, nonwoven fabrics and implantable medical device industries.

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

3M Company, St. Paul, MN, *Research Chemist & Product Support Engineer*

June 1997 – August 2000

Worked as a research chemist in the Industrial Specialty Chemicals Division; Developed innovative polymer materials for the abrasive, adhesive and fluoropolymer products. Worked as a product support engineer in the Drug Delivery Systems Division; provided technical guidance and leadership in the implementation of new drug-in-adhesive transdermal formulations; led the technology transfer activities at the manufacturing site; conducted adverse skin reaction investigations of current formulations on the market and provided technical guidance to the fluoropolymer release liners.

Eli Lilly and Company, Tippecanoe Labs, Lafayette, IN, *Process Engineer*

August 1992 – August 1995

Provided process scale-up knowledge for a specific pharmaceutical product (Axid™) and unit operations used across a variety of products; supplied clinical trial materials in a safe, reliable, economical, and environmentally appropriate manner. Supervised the installation of new manufacturing equipment to support unit operations; drafted installation and performance qualification protocols; and provided training to the manufacturing personnel on the operation of new equipment and related procedures.

Special Assignments:

Process Team Leader – Managed a process team focused on the manufacture of an intermediate in the production of Axid™. Successfully optimized the manufacturing processes and improved operating efficiency by 45%.

Capital Projects Team Leader – Led a cross-functional engineering team through the prioritization and allocation process for capital improvement projects (< \$1 MM) at the manufacturing facilities.

PUBLICATIONS, SPEECHES AND PANELS

- * Innovation Enterprise IP Strategy Conference, Invited Speaker, “IP Strategy & Patent Reform – Protecting Your IP in a Global Market” (June 2014)
- * McDermott, Will & Emery IP Symposium, Panelist, “Professional Responsibility in IP litigation, Prosecution & Transactions – Applicable Rules” (June 2013)
- * Foley & Lardner IP Conference, Panelist, “Models for Innovation – A View from the Trenches” (October 2012)
- * IP Protection in China, Invited Speaker (March 2012)
- * Georgia State Corporate IP Institute, Panelist, “How to Show Value in Your IP” (November 2011)
- * Instructor, Emory University School of Law, Spring 2009 – Trial Techniques Course
- * Moderator, State Bar of Georgia CLE Program – “Litigating IP Cases in Fast Track Jurisdictions” (2009)
- * Steven Gardner & Nicole N. Morris, *Obviousness Doctrine Post-KSR: Friend or Foe?*, IP Desk Reference (2009).
- * Nicole N. Morris & Jeffrey D. Gram, *Patent Litigation Prefiling Considerations: Strategies & Tactics*, Patent Resources Group (2006).

ADMISSIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Bar Admissions – Minnesota, Massachusetts, District of Columbia, Georgia

Practice Admissions – U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, U.S. District Court, N.D. of Georgia, U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota

Organizations – Atlanta Bar Association, Atlanta IP Inn of Court, American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Hispanic Bar Association, Minority In-House Counsel Association (Board Member) and Georgia Lawyers for the Arts (Board Member)

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN

J.D., May 2003

Activities: Dean’s List, 2001-03; Moot Court Director, 2002-03; Intellectual Property Moot Court, 2001-02

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

M.S. Chemistry, May 1997

Activities: Teaching Assistant, Department of Chemistry, 1995-97; Athletic Department

Academic Tutor, 1996-97

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

B.S. Chemical Engineering, June 1992

VOLUNTEER SERVICE & PERSONAL INTERESTS

- * Street Law Program
- * American Red Cross, Atlanta Chapter, Disaster Caseworker (2010)
- * Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Landlord Security Deposit Cases; Pro bono representation of indigent clients who had their security deposits wrongfully withheld by their landlords. Successfully argued the return of the client’s security deposit and awarded statutory damages. (2008-09)
- * Personal Interests - Marathon running, biking and CrossFit