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An Intellectual Property Boutique—Established 1998

Example Representations

Patent prosecution work related to drilling fluids for a multi-national oil field services corporation; all patent and trademark work for an eco-friendly agriculture chemicals company; all patent transactional work and related legal advice for a start-up water desalination and purification company; local counsel in federal district court litigation and provided assistance with preparation and filing of appellate amicus briefs for two national non-profit corporations.

Services Provided

Legal counseling to industry--ranging from multi-national corporations to start-up companies--and individuals concerning patents, trademarks, copyrights, and other intellectual property matters.

Prepare and prosecute U.S. and foreign patent applications, primarily related to the oil industry. Also prepare and prosecute applications for registration of trademarks and copyrights.

Provide patent validity and infringement opinions, trademark infringement opinions and copyright infringement opinions. Also, provide opinions related to due diligence and pre-purchase/license investigations, in subjects primarily related to the oil industry.

Handle or assist with litigation involving patents, trademarks, copyrights, and/or contracts at the federal trial court level and with the preparation and filing of *amicus* briefs in federal appellate courts and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Prepare and negotiate various types of agreements concerning intellectual property, including patent, trademarks, copyrights, software, and trade secret licenses, technical services agreements, and confidentiality agreements.

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE

Shareholder/Partner

Jan. 1998-Nov. 1998

Winstead, Sechrest & Minick P.C.

Houston, Texas

Head of intellectual property law section for Houston office

Shareholder/Partner

Jan. 1994-Jan. 1998

Arnold, White & Durkee

a professional corporation

Houston, Texas

Associate

Jan. 1988-Dec. 1993

(intellectual property law practice)

Handled all aspects of pre-trial intellectual property litigation leading to settlement or trial, including preparing and responding to discovery requests, motions, briefs, bench memoranda and jury instructions, and taking and defending depositions. Worked on lawsuits involving carpet stain blockers, phenylene sulfide polymers, catalysts, oil field tools, computer memory products and chip manufacturing processes, computer software, and copyrighted designs in federal courts and before the U.S. International Trade Commission, all of which settled. First chair and Attorney-in-Charge in *Novell, Inc. v. CPU Distributing, Inc.*, *Terry L. Green and Leroy Hunter* (settled), and *Microsoft, Inc. v. CPU Distributing, Inc.*, *Terry Green*, *Michael Jaks*, and *Robert Castro* (settled), software copyright and trademark infringement lawsuits in Federal District Court in Houston, Texas.

Prepared patent validity and infringement opinions and opinions related to due diligence and pre-purchase/license investigations, in subjects ranging from pharmaceuticals and chemicals to computer chip manufacturing processes and designs.

Prepared and prosecuted U.S. and foreign patent applications or supervised same, primarily concerning matters related to the oil industry. Prepared and prosecuted U.S. trademark registration applications and U.S. copyright registration applications. Advised and counseled companies on various intellectual property matters and internet issues.

Prepared and negotiated various types of agreements concerning intellectual property, including patent, software, and trade secret licenses, technical services agreements, and confidentiality agreements.

Creator, Program Planner, and Master of Ceremonies for First Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference for Women Corporate Counsel (held Sept. 10-13, 1997, Scottsdale, Arizona) and Second Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference for Women Corporate Counsel (held July 22-25, 1998, Dallas, Texas). Member, Law Clerks (recruiting) Committee, 1989-1990. Scribe to Managing Board, 1996.

Attorney

July 1987-Jan. 1988
May 1981-June 1986
(see below for
July 1986-June 1987)

Exxon Production Research Company

Houston, Texas
(oil and gas exploration and production
research organization for Exxon affiliates worldwide)

Primary Law Contact for the following Divisions: Reservoir; Reservoir Technology (Aramco); Technical Information; Offshore Systems; Project Services; Exploration Concepts; and Geophysical Data Quality. Primary Law Contact for Export Administration matters, Records Management Program; tax matters; and marine safety concerns.

Provided general legal consultation, often regarding legal aspects of conducting field studies or tests and publishing technical papers. Prepared and negotiated various types of agreements, including: confidentiality; technical and/or consulting services; equipment and facility leases; and technology licenses. Prepared patent applications and handled U.S. and foreign patent prosecution, primarily in enhanced oil recovery methods, also in seismic exploration systems. Assisted with some business related litigation. Sat-in for General Counsel a number of times.

Secretary, Reservoir Patent Committee; Secretary, Esso Resources Canada Limited Patent Committee; Member, Non-exempt Compensation Committee; Member, Antitrust Compliance Committee

**Coordinator,
Licenses, Technology
Transfer & Public Affairs**
July 1986-June 1987

**Strategic Planning Division
Exxon Production Research Company**
Houston, Texas
(temporary assignment)

Developed strategies for licensing Exxon technology and served as contact for outside parties for licensing inquiries. Prepared guidelines and participated in developing policies regarding conditions and fees for transferring technology to Exxon affiliates worldwide. Prepared first annual licensing newsletter for two foreign affiliates. Forecasted royalty income for annual budget and compiled 1987 Financial Forecast and Capital Budget Report. Coordinated visits and agendas for several U.S. and foreign visitors. Handled some public relations correspondence and a press release.

Law Clerk
Sept. 1980-May 1981
Jan. 1979-May 1980

Espy, Nettles and Scogin, P.C.
(formerly Tucker, Gray & Espy)
Attorneys at Law, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
(general civil and criminal law practice)

Did legal research, title searches and drafted some trial briefs. Drafted brief for appellant to Alabama Supreme Court in a bond for title case that prevailed and changed Alabama law in effect for over 50 years.

**Summer Law Clerk
to Chief Justice
C.C. "Bo" Torbert**
May 1980-Aug. 1980

Alabama Supreme Court
Montgomery, Alabama

Drafted opinions in various civil and criminal cases and conducted research on restitution and on public official immunity.

EDUCATION

Dec. 1994
(forty hours)

A.A. White Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute
Basic Mediator Training
Houston, Texas
Qualified as a mediator under Texas statute

1981-83
(six weeks)

Exxon Reservoir Engineering School
Exxon Enhanced Oil Recovery School
Exxon Introduction to Oil Technology School
Houston, Texas

Juris Doctor
Aug. 1978-May 1981

University of Alabama School of Law
University, Alabama

American Jurisprudence Award in Future Interests
Bench & Bar Legal Honor Society
Dean's Award
Honor Court Justice
Treasurer, Student Bar Association
Clerk, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
Executive Editor, JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION
--a journal about legal ethics

Graduate Work
Civil Eng. & Misc.
Aug. 1977-May 1978

University of Alabama
University, Alabama
Dean's List

Chemistry
(Master's Program)
Aug. 1976-May 1977

East Carolina University
Greenville, North Carolina
Graduate Council Representative
Teaching Assistant

Bachelor of Arts
Chemistry
Aug. 1974-May 1976

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Undergraduate Research on porcine mitochondrial
malate dehydrogenase, a pig heart enzyme

Aug. 1972-May 1974

St. Andrews Presbyterian College
Laurinburg, North Carolina
Sophomore Honors

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Courts of Texas 1981; U.S. District Courts: Southern District of Texas 1982, Eastern District of Texas 1991; Northern District of Texas 1998; Western District of Texas 2005; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit 1983; U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit 2001; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit 2000; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit 2001; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit 2005; U.S. Supreme Court 1994.

Registered to practice before U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 1981.

BAR ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association, *Subcommittee Chairman, Ethics Committee, Intellectual Property Law Section 1994-95*; American Intellectual Property Law Association, *Member Patent Law Committee 1995*; Intellectual Property Owners Association, *Member Copyright Committee, 2002-2005*; Texas Bar Association, *Chairman International Law Committee, Intellectual Property Law Section 1987-88, Member Outstanding Inventor Committee, Intellectual Property Law Section 1994-95, Member Planning Committee, Texas Bar Association Intellectual Property Law Continuing Legal Education Conference 2003*; Houston Bar Association, *Legal Line Volunteer 1995*; Houston Intellectual Property Law Association, *Secretary 1987-88, Chairman Awards Committee 1988-89, Chairman Programs 1988-91, Treasurer 1991-92, Member Nominations Committee 1993, 1996, Member Patent Student Education Committee 1994-95, Member Giles Rich Moot Court Competition Committee 1994-95, Chairman Outstanding Inventor Committee 1994-95, Chairman Meetings and Programs Committee 1995-96, Member Board of Directors 1992-94, 1998-2000; Planning Committee, HIPLA/Univ. of Houston CLE Fall Institute on Intellectual Property for 2004, 2005,*

2008, 2009; 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013. *Planning Committee, Chairman, HIPLA/Univ. of Houston CLE Fall Institute on Intellectual Property for 2000.*

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Houston Achievement Place, (non-profit charity), Houston, Advisory Board Member, 2003-present, Executive Committee, 2009-present, President of Executive Committee, 2013-2015.

Women In Technology, Houston, Founder, 1994-present.

Women's Finance Exchange, Planning Committee, 2009

Midtown Business Forum, Houston, Member 1988-1991.

Blake Barnett & Co., Inc., Member NASD, President 1996-2002.

Yale Club of Houston, Past Member Program Com., and Lil Eli's Club Founder & Past Chair.

Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, a paralegal school, Houston, Adjunct Professor of Intellectual Property Law, 2005-2007.

PUBLICATIONS

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2017, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (at press).

ENTERTAINMENT, PUBLISHING AND THE ARTS HANDBOOK 2017, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (in progress).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2016, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2016).

ENTERTAINMENT, PUBLISHING AND THE ARTS HANDBOOK 2016, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2016).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2015, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2015).

ENTERTAINMENT, PUBLISHING AND THE ARTS HANDBOOK 2015, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2015).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2014, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2014).

ENTERTAINMENT, PUBLISHING AND THE ARTS HANDBOOK 2014, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2014).

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2012, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2012).

ENTERTAINMENT, PUBLISHING AND THE ARTS HANDBOOK 2012, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2012).

PATENT LAW REVIEW 2011, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2011).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2011, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2011).

ENTERTAINMENT, PUBLISHING AND THE ARTS HANDBOOK 2011, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2011).

UPDATE FOR COPYRIGHT LITIGATION HANDBOOK 2011, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., (2011)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2010, Thomson Reuters, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2010).

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2008, The Thomson West Group, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2008).

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Correcting Common Client Misconceptions About Protecting Trademarks, EXECUTIVE LEGAL ADVISOR (May/June 2007).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2006, The Thomson West Group, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2006).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2005, The Thomson West Group, Rochester, N.Y., editor (2005).

Efforts to Copyright the Law, Recipes, and other Tales Relating to How Far Some Attempt to Take Copyright, Intellectual Property—A Means for Worldwide Protection Conference, Center for International Legal Studies, October 20, 2004, Sunshine Coast, Australia.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2004, The West Group, New York, N.Y., editor (2004).

What Lawyers Can Copy in Daily Practice, Including the “Law”, State Bar of Texas Intellectual Property Law CLE, March 6-7, 2003, Austin, Texas.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2003, The West Group, New York, N.Y., editor (2003).

Copyrighting the Law, Not!, 9 (1) THE IP LITIGATOR 1-6, Aspen Publishers (January 2003).

To Traverse or Not to Traverse—Consequences of Restriction Requirements in United States Patent Practice, 2 (1) THE PATENT JOURNAL 10-14, Aspen Publishers (October 2002).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2002, The West Group, New York, N.Y., editor (2002).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2001, The West Group, New York, N.Y., editor (2001)

Copyrights Where You Least Expect Them, University of Houston and the Houston Intellectual Property Law Association Continuing Legal Education Conference (November 8-19), 2001, Galveston, Texas).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 2002, The West Group, New York, N.Y., editor (2000).

U.S. and Foreign Patents, ETCE/OMAE 2000 Joint Conference, ASME International (Feb. 14-17, 2000, New Orleans, Louisiana).

Internet Update, Houston Women’s Energy Network Luncheon Presentation, (Nov. 10, 1999).

Internet Update, Dallas Bar Association Computer Use and Technology Section Luncheon Presentation (June 28, 1999).

Internet Update, State Bar of Texas Intellectual Property Law Institute (March 5-6, 1999, Austin, Texas).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 1999, The West Group, New York, N.Y., editor (1999).

Patents & Trade Secrets, ASME International Energy Sources Technology Conference & Exhibition (1999, Houston, Texas).

Patent Term Extensions, University of Houston and the Houston Intellectual Property Law Association Continuing Legal Education Conference (October 1-2, 1998, Galveston, Texas).

The Pitfalls of Attorney-Client Privilege Waiver in Patent Law, ASME International Energy Sources Technology Conference & Exhibition (Feb. 3, 1998, Houston, Texas).

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW 1998, Clark Boardman Callaghan/Thomson Legal Publishing, New York, N.Y., editor (1998).

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Patent Aspects of GATT: A Panel Discussion, Thirty -Third Annual Institute on Patent Law, The Southwestern Legal Foundation, Dallas, Texas, November 9-10, 1995.

Arnold, White & Durkee Saturday Morning CLE on Attorney Client Privilege and Work Product Immunity, November 1994.

"Damages," *Remedies*, 1992-93 PATENT LAW HANDBOOK, Clark Boardman Co., Ltd., New York, N.Y. (1992).

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Anticipation of the Section 2032A Valuation in Estate Planning to Preserve the Family Farm, 42 ALABAMA LAW. 356-79 (July 1981)--winner of the Alabama State Bar ALABAMA LAWYER Legal Writing Award in 1981.

When Can an Attorney Buy From an Estate or Entity He or His Firm Administered? 5 J. LEGAL PROFESSION 160-77 (1980)--awarded the Henderson M. Somerville Law Prize in 1981.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

Personal background information is available in some past editions of Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Who's Who in Finance and Industry, Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in American Law, and Who's Who in America, and Who's Who in the World.