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### Experience:

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#### March 2010 to present:

**Van Cott , Bagley, Cornwall & McCarthy; Director, Intellectual Property Practice Group** (full time). Salt Lake City, Utah. Provide full intellectual property services for clients, including acquisition and management of national and foreign patents and trademark registrations, intellectual property licensing, strategic counseling and intellectual property litigation.

#### January 2001 to present:

**Brigham Young University: Adjunct Professor of eCommerce and Internet Law and Intellectual Property Fundamentals**, Provo, Utah. Plan and teach courses entitled “eCommerce and Internet Law” at the J. Reuben Clark Law School and “Fundamentals of Intellectual Property for Engineers” in the College of Engineering and Technology.

- Law school course covers all aspects of law relating to the Internet including intellectual property (e.g., software and business method patents), jurisdiction, electronic contracts and commerce, privacy, defamation, censorship, taxation, securities and attorney professional responsibility on-line.
- Engineering course covers basics of intellectual property, particularly patents, for engineering students.

#### June 2001 to February 2010:

**Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC: Managing Partner, Utah Office; Registered Patent Attorney** (full time). Salt Lake City, Utah. Founder and manager of the Utah Office of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC. Provided full intellectual property services for clients, including acquisition and management of national and foreign patents and trademark registrations, intellectual property licensing, strategic counseling and intellectual property litigation.

#### May 2000 to June 2001:

**Parsons Behle & Latimer, PLLC: Patent Attorney** (full time). Salt Lake City, Utah. Drafted and prosecuted patent applications; prepared and prosecuted trademark applications; managed world-wide intellectual property portfolios; prepared patent licensing and other intellectual property agreements.

#### August 1997 to March 2000:

**Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC: Patent Agent/Patent Attorney** (full time). Washington, D.C.

- **Prosecution:** Drafted patent applications, principally in the electrical arts. Prepared responses and amendments to non-final and final Office Actions issued by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. Drafted appeal briefs and presented oral arguments before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Interviewed with patent examiners to discuss prosecution. Prepared U.S. trademark applications based on actual use and intent to use. Drafted responses to rejections in U.S. trademark applications. Drafted trademark adoption and registration opinions interpreting search results. Prepared and prosecuted U.S. copyright applications.
- **Litigation:** Drafted patent validity and infringement opinions. Counseled litigation clients; interviewed litigation clients and conducted investigations to develop evidence for trial. Drafted pleadings, motions and briefs before federal district court in patent infringement suits. Drafted intellectual property settlement agreements.

January 1996 to August 1997:

**Marks & Murase, L.L.P.: Patent Agent** (full time). Washington, D.C. Drafted and prosecuted patent applications. Worked directly with mentors Richard Linn (managing partner) and Ronald Kananen. Mr. Linn is currently a judge for the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

April 1994 to January 1996:

**United States Patent & Trademark Office: Patent Examiner** (full time). Crystal City, Virginia. Reviewed patent applications for formal requirements and patentability. Applied patent laws in written opinions. Examined in Class 250: Radiant Energy, specifically photo-detectors with associated circuitry and optics in applications such as imaging arrays and image intensifiers, fiber optic communications, photocopiers and fax machines, auto-focus cameras, product inspection systems, intruder detection systems, and missile tracking systems. Work rated outstanding in all performance reviews.

- **Distinguished Graduate Award**, Patent Academy top graduate, June 1995.

**Education:**

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**George Mason University School of Law**, Arlington, Virginia.

**Juris Doctor with High Honors**, May 1998, also completed the **Intellectual Property Law Specialty Track**.

- Class Rank: Top 10%. GPA: 3.4/4.0.
- George Mason Law Review member. Published *Hippocrates the Patent-Holder: The Unenforceability of Medical Procedure Patents*, 5 George Mason Law Review 227 (1997).
- Received a "Top Five" Appellate Briefs Award, GMUSL Moot Court Competition, 1995.
- Received the GMUSL Alumni Chapter Scholarship, 1997.

**Brigham Young University**, Provo, Utah

**Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics, Cum Laude**, 1993, minor in **Mathematics**. Course work covered the full range of physics principles, electronics and circuit design, computer architecture, and the use and design of experimental instrumentation. Electives chosen to emphasize technical writing skills.

- Member of the Sigma Pi Sigma (physics majors), Phi Eta Sigma & Golden Key National Honor Societies.
- Elected chapter president of both the Society of Physics Students and Sigma Pi Sigma.

**Admitted:**

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- United States Patent & Trademark Office, 1996 (Registration No. 40,326).
- Virginia State Bar, October 1998.
- Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 1998.
- District of Columbia Bar, September 1999.
- Utah State Bar, October 2000

**Publications, Presentations and Professional Activities:**

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- Presenter for Utah Bar, Business Section CLE Luncheon, *Ethics in the Digital Age: Social Networking, Metadata and Email*, (February 10, 2010).
- Presenter for Utah Bar, Intellectual Property Section CLE Luncheon, *Social Networking for Lawyers*, (November 17, 2009).
- *Metadata Minefield, Utah Rules*, Utah Bar Journal, Vol. 22, No. 6 (Nov/Dec 2009).
- Faculty member, NBI Seminars “Fast and Free Online Research for Your Legal Practice,” November 3, 2009 ([www.nbi-sems.com/Enbi/Faculty/50340.pdf](http://www.nbi-sems.com/Enbi/Faculty/50340.pdf)).
- American Bar Association Advisory Panel member (2008- )
- Presenter at IFCLA (International Federation of National IT Law Associations) on Civil and Criminal Liability in the U.S. for Internet Activity, Paris, France (2008) (<http://www.ifcla.com/medias/pdf/conference/Civil-and-criminal%20responsability.pdf>)
- Lecturer at INFOPAT Association for Intellectual Property Attorneys, Tokyo, Japan (2003, 2005, 2007, 2008)
- *The Fundamentals of Patenting*, IEEE Potentials, April/May 2005 ([www.todaysengineer.org/2004/Nov/IPfundamentals.asp](http://www.todaysengineer.org/2004/Nov/IPfundamentals.asp)).
- *Hippocrates the Patent-Holder: The Unenforceability of Medical Procedure Patents*, 5 George Mason Law Review 227 (1997).