
WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Nationality: American

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Juris Doctor, University of Akron School of Law, 1996;
B.Sc., Electrical Engineering Technology, University of Cincinnati, 1989.

Admitted to Bar:

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 1995;
State of Ohio, 1996;
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, 1997;
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, 1999;
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, 2001;
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 1998;
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 1999.

LANGUAGES

English

PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP since September 2018.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Partner, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, Akron, Ohio, 2003-2018;
Associate (since 1996), Oldham & Oldham Co., Akron, 1994-2002;

January 27, 2020

Electronic Design Engineer, Apex Circuits, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio, 1989-93;

Designed industrial digital, analog, and microprocessor based control systems;

Used PC based CAD systems to design circuit schematics, mechanical drawings, circuit board layouts, and production documentation;

Designed and wrote embedded industrial control system and PC based software in assembly language and the C programming language;

Supervised product production, field installation and maintenance, and customer support;

Assisted with customer presentations and product marketing;

Part-time Instructor, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, 1989-91;

Taught CAD-based schematic drafting lab, microprocessor interface lab, and basic transistor theory lecture.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Litigation and procurement of intellectual property including patents, trademarks, trade dress, trade secrets, domain names and copyrights.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Akron Bar Association.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Patent prosecution in the electrical, mechanical, software, and business method arts;

International patent practice under the Patent Cooperation Treaty;

Trademark prosecution, opposition, and cancellation practice;

Copyright, software, and domain name protection;

Opinion and licensing work in all areas of intellectual property; and

Litigation of patent, trademark, trade dress, trade secret, domain name and copyright disputes.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Registered second level domain names with Network Solutions;

Prosecuted and defended clients in domain name disputes under the original Network Solutions domain name dispute policy;

Pursued cybersquatters on behalf of clients before WIPO under the ICANN Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy; and Counseled clients regarding second level domain name disputes.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Enforced and defended clients in federal courts throughout the United States in patent, trademark, trade dress, trade secret, domain name and copyright disputes;

Defended clients in state courts in trademark disputes.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Represented clients in federal court ordered mediation in patent, trademark, trade dress and copyright infringement disputes.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Represented clients before WIPO under the ICANN Uniform Dispute Resolution Policy to enforce trademark rights against cybersquatters; represented clients in private arbitration and before the American Arbitration Association.
