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Personal Profile

An international expert on compression coding, I am the author of four books and over 70 journal and conference papers on video compression, including two widely cited books on the H.264 / MPEG-4 standards. I regularly advise companies on video compression and streaming technology, video coding patents and technology acquisitions. I have acted as an expert witness in multiple US and EU patent litigation cases. I have given expert testimony in San Diego, New York, Washington DC and The Hague and regularly give invited lectures on video compression coding, most recently at the Smithsonian Institution and the US Patent and Trademark Office.

I have made an internationally significant contribution to research in the field of image and video compression. This is the essential technology for applications such as digital television, internet video streaming and video on mobile phones. My research has addressed the growing challenge faced by industry, namely how to support sophisticated video compression on an increasing range of devices and platforms. I am a member of British Standards Institute expert group IST/37, the committee which represents the UK in ISO/IEC MPEG standardisation.

I invented and commercialised Beamshare, a novel technology for rapid and secure sharing and streaming of video and other media. Beamshare is now in use in industries such as Search and Rescue and broadcast video production.

I am based in the UK and travel several times a year to the US.

Qualifications

M.Eng. (1990), Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK Ph.D. (1999), Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, UK

Employment experience

2006 - present	Managing Director, Vcodex Ltd, Aberdeen, UK
2009 – 2015	Managing Director, Onecodec Ltd, Aberdeen, UK
1993 - 2010	Full Professor, School of Engineering, The Robert Gordon

University



1995 - 2000 Director, 4i2i Communications Ltd 1990 - 1993 Digital Signal Processor Designer, GEC Ltd, Edinburgh

Expert witness and intellectual property experience

An experienced expert witness in patent litigation cases, I have testified at deposition and trial in:

- 1. United States District Court (Southern District of California) Case No. 05cv1958 B(BLM), San Diego, USA, 2006-2007 (Video compression, H.264)
- 2. United States International Trade Commission Investigation 337-TA-724, Washington DC, 2011 (Graphics compression)
- 3. United States District Court (Southern District of California) Case No. 3:10-cv-02618, San Diego, USA, 2012 (Video compression, MPEG-2 and H.264)
- 4. United States International Trade Commission Investigation 337-TA-837, Washington DC, 2013 (Data / video compression, H.264)

I have testified at deposition in:

- 5. United States International Trade Commission Investigation 337-885, New York City, 2013 (Video compression)
- 6. Patent Trial and Appeal Board, Inter Partes Review IPR2015-00302, Washington DC, 2015 (Data and video compression)
- 7. Patent Trial and Appeal Board, Inter Partes Review IPR2015-01089, Washington DC, 2016 (Data and video compression)

I have been engaged by a number of US and EU law firms to provide patent portfolio analysis and expert witness services, including:

- Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP
- Cooley LLP
- Young Basile Hanlon & MacFarlane P.C.
- Quinn Emanuel Urguhart & Sullivan, LLP
- Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP
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- C S Kannangara, I E Richardson, M Bystrom & Y Zhao, "Complexity Control of H.264/AVC based on Mode-conditional Cost Probability Distributions", *IEEE Trans. Multimedia*, April 2009.
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