# Curriculum Vitae John M. Strawn, Ph.D.

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#### **Professional Profile**

Several decades of involvement in software, digital audio, digital music, digital signal processing, and processor architecture. Successful independent software consultant in high-level languages and assembly language. Seasoned testifying expert with litigation experience (patent, copyright, trade secret, class action), skilled at explaining complex ideas to attorneys and juries. Stanford Ph.D. Former Fulbright Scholar. Prolific author. Experienced manager with long-range research and development experience. Facile with foreign languages and working with people from outside the USA.

## **Professional Experience**

From: 1992 **S Systems, Inc.** To: Present Larkspur, CA

Position: Owner and Full-time Consultant
Duties: Full-time independent consultant:

■ **Programming** hand-crafted audio and music software for signal processing, written in C, C++, JAVA, and especially assembly language for digital signal processing chips. Consulting on processor architecture and networking. See Consulting Assignments, below.

 Testifying Expert witness in patent litigation relating to software and source code, digital devices, processor architecture, media, compression, signal processing and client/server interactions. See Expert Witness section, below.

From: 1987 Yamaha Music Technologies USA

To: 1991 Larkspur, CA

Position: 1989-1991: President; 1987-1989: Vice President

Duties: Helped establish and manage a nine-person Ph.D.-level research group,

including site search, architectural design, construction, move-in, and hiring. Conducted original research on electronic musical instruments, software, micromachining, networking, and recent technological

developments. Extensive experience designing scientific, engineering, and musical object-oriented applications, especially C++ (UNIX). Research

on Yamaha's Vocaloid started in this group. Patent listed below.

From: 1986 **S Systems**To: 1988 Larkspur, CA

Position: Owner and Full-time Consultant

Duties: This was my first stint as a consultant. See Consulting Assignments, below.



From: 1985 Lucasfilm/Droid Works

To: 1986 San Rafael, CA

Position: Programmer

Duties: Full-time programming experience as an employee, designing signal-

processing modules and writing (96-bit VLIW) microcode for the

ASP/SoundDroid developed by James A. Moorer. Experience in audio and video post-production. Extensive work in C (Unix). Another six months full-time experience writing tightly packed assembly code for the TI TMS32010 signal processor, especially for a two-channel hard-disk audio record playback unit that played without bugs on the exhibit floor of the

National Association of Broadcasters convention, 1986.

From: 1976 **Stanford University** 

To: 1985 Stanford, CA
Position: Doctoral Student

Duties: Nine years programming experience developing code in high-level

languages (Algol, Fortran, SAIL) and PDP-10 assembly language for musical and audio signal processing applications during doctoral thesis work. My Ph.D. dissertation (*Modeling Musical Transitions*, 1985) involved original published research in spline fitting and pattern

recognition, a 30,000-line two- and three-dimensional graphical editor for waveforms and spectra, implementation (with John Gordon) of the short-time Fourier transform, device drivers, and libraries for graphic user

interfaces. Also part-time consulting work:

• SRI International (FORTRAN for mechanical engineering).

• Mattel Electronics (music in consumer electronic toys).

• IntelliGenetics (ALGOL-like code for biotechnology).

 Digital Keyboards (product specification and complete manuals for GDS and Synergy Synthesizers).

From: 1972 Revox

To: 1972 Long Island, New York

Position: Summer intern

Duties: Solder cables, write German- and Dutch-English translations, manufacture

PC boards, assemble hardware.



## **Education and Training**

<b>Year</b>	College/University	<u>Degree</u>
1985	Stanford	Ph.D., CCRMA. Advisor: John Chowning. Graduate
		course work in music, computer and processor
		architecture, high-level and assembly-language
		programming, digital audio, digital signal processing,
		acoustics, psychoacoustics, and digital hardware.
		Dissertation on analysis of music instruments with the
		short-time Fourier transform. Software development
		experience listed elsewhere in this resume.
1975-	IBM Thomas Watson	Grant to study electronic music, Tokyo, Japan, 1976.
1976	Foundation	Live performances on piano and Roland System 700
		analog synthesizer. Also travel through Turkey, Iran,
		Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Thailand, and Hong
		Kong.
1973-	Technical University,	Fulbright Scholar. Graduate-level coursework in
1975	Berlin	music theory/history, audio engineering, electronics,
		information theory, cybernetics, Japanese; all
		coursework in German. Extensive recording studio
		and live concert sound reinforcement experience.
		PDP-11 and PDP-8 assembly and machine language.
		Travel throughout Europe.
1968-	Oberlin	B. Mus, double degree in organ performance and
1973		music theory. Exchange semester, University of
		Hamburg, Germany, 1971, course work in German
		literature and psychology. Experience with analog
		synthesizers and digital music synthesis, BASIC,
		FORTRAN, MUSIC V on an IBM 360.

## **Expertise**

- Testifying expert witness (including expert reports, deposition).
- Software analysis for litigation including patent, copyright, trade secret, software theft.
- Implement/optimize signal processing algorithms: Fourier transform (FFT), discrete cosine transform (DCT), DTMF, speech synthesis.
- Port/optimize audio compression algorithms: AC-3, MP-3, AAC.
- Implement audio algorithms: reverberator, pitch shifter, sample rate converter, compressor, filter, flanger, 3-d audio (Dolby surround), dither.
- Implement music synthesis (additive, physical modeling, wavetable, FM).
- Create bug-free software from academic signal processing research.
- Work in floating- and fixed-point math.
- Assembler, object-oriented, C, C++, HTML, XML, Javascript, SQL.
- Extensive experience optimizing code in assembler
- PC, Mac, Unix.



- DSP architectures: Motorola 56000, 56300, and 56800 families; TI TMS320C10 and TMS320C54 family; Code Composer Studio; Analog Devices 21xx family and TigerSharc; VLIW; custom processors; I learn new architectures quickly.
- Embedded processors: Hitachi SH-DSP, SH3-DSP, SH-4, and SH-5; ARM7/ARM9; configurable processors (Tensilica).
- Processor architecture.
- Debugging hardware prototypes.
- Audio networks, such as AES/EBU (IEC 60958), IEEE-1394/FireWire, AV/C, 61883, mLan, and others.
- File downloading.
- Practical audio experience in live sound and in studios.
- Functionally bilingual in German; able to read French, Dutch; some Japanese

### **Expert Witness and Litigation Support Experience**

Summary: 16 depositions to date, 3 times testimony at trial, 9 IPR declarations. Patent litigation, ITC investigations, Inter Partes Reviews, USPTO declarations, class action litigation, trade secret litigation, copyright litigation involving software. Expert reports, declarations, prior art research and analysis, infringement analysis (*e.g.*, analyze devices, documents; source code analysis, source code comparison), claim charts, tutorials, Markman hearings. Technical areas include software and source code; computers, laptops, cell phones, mobile devices, handheld devices (*e.g.*, medical); processor architecture; user interfaces; media: audio, music, speech, video; compression (*e.g.*, MPEG, MP3); digital signal processing, mathematics, algorithms; file downloading, file streaming, client/server; protocols such as internet protocol (IP); video games.

Date: 2017 - Lilenfeld PC

present

Case: Atlantic Recording Corporation et al. v. Spinrilla et al., GAND 1-17-cv-

00431.

Project: Analyze Ruby source code for hip hop music web site. Evaluate methods

for identifying sound recordings. Engaged by defendants accused of

copyright infringement. Expert report, deposition.

Date: 2017 - Katten Muchin Rosenman

present

Case: Rogue Wave Software v. <u>BTI Systems and Juniper Networks</u>, NYSD-1-

16-cy-07772.

Project: Analyze Java source code involving graphic user interfaces and remote

control of Internet hardware. Compare versions of source code. Reconstruct source code from obfuscated deposit copy filed with US

Copyright Office. Engaged by defendants accused of copyright

infringement. Two expert reports.



Date: 2017 Coberly Law; Paine Bickers

Case: Artemetrx, Specialty Drug Solutions, and Pharmaceutical

Strategies Group, v. Archimedes et al.; Davidson County Chancery Court,

Nashville, TN, Case No. 16-0913-II.

Project: Analyze SQL source code and databases involving pharmaceutical billing,

engaged by defendants accused of misappropriation of trade secrets.

Date: 2016 - Fish, Richardson

2017

Case: Two Inter Partes Reviews for <u>Samsung</u>.

Project: Investigate validity of patent owned by Tivo related to real-

time audio/video streaming, recording and playback, and DVR (set top box) architecture. Research. Invalidity **declaration**. (IPR2016-01524;

IPR2016-01712).

Date: 2016 - Perkins Coie

2017

Case: Crest Audio v. QSC Audio Products, MSSD-3-12-cv-00755

Project: Analysis relating to claim construction and non-infringement for two

amplifier patents.

Date: 2015 - 16 Denko, Coburn, Lauff

Case: Andrea v. Intervenor Waves (Israel) and Respondent Dell, ITC 337-TA-

949

Project: Patents related to noise reduction, adaptive filtering, and echo cancellation

for speech in laptops. Source code analysis (C, C++). Compare versions

of source code. Expert report on non-infringement, two patents.

Deposition.

Date: 2014 - 16 **Orrick** 

Case: Blue Spike v. Texas Instruments, TXED 6-12-cv-00499, for lead

defendant Audible Magic.

Project: Patents related to automatic recognition of video and audio based on

signal processing and human perception. Source code analysis (C, C++, Visual Basic, SQL, XML). Declaration. **Two expert reports**, one on non-

infringement (four patents), one comparing versions of source

code. Deposition.

Date: 2014 - 15 **Wiley Rein** 

Case: Six petitions for Inter Partes Review by <u>Verizon</u> (IPR2015-00349, -00350,

-00364, -00376, -00380, -00383, -00391).

Project: Investigate prior art relating to cell phone ring tones. Research. Invalidity

declaration.



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