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### Education

#### Wayne State University

MS Electrical Engineering, 1991

BS Electrical & Computer Engineering, 1993

BS Chemical Engineering, 1984

**Juris Doctor**, 1999

#### University of Michigan

MBA, 2002



### Qualifications

Six Sigma Black Belt – American Society for Quality & International Quality Federation; Licensed Professional Engineer; Certified Project Management Professional; Eagle Scout; Accident Reconstruction – Northwestern University; Active Secret Security Clearance; Admitted to State Bars of Michigan & Texas, United States Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Supreme Court

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### Summary of Professional Experience

*Principal - AUTOMOTIVE DESIGN ANALYSIS, South Lyon, MI* - Technical consulting practice conducting objective, expert analysis, research, and investigation of all aspects of Intellectual Property; Patents, Products and Technologies; and Product Liability, defect investigation, Regulatory compliance. Forensic Analyses.

*TARDEC/TACOM - U.S. Army, Warren, MI* – Cyber Security- Computer Engineer Direct. IP - Invention disclosures/patents/contracts. (GTA & Alion contractual).

*Associate, Intellectual Property - Vivacqua Law, Ann Arbor, MI* - Represent clients in all intellectual property aspects of electrical, chemical, software, and automotive.

*Principal Systems Engineer – TACOM - U.S. Army, Warren, MI* - Conduct Systems Engineering/ Manage Cross-Functional Teams. DoD contracts. Consult via Raytheon Risk Analysis/Decision Analysis Lead - General Dynamics, Sterling Hts., MI - Decision analysis, trade studies, systems engineering, risk analysis, & mitigation.

*Intellectual Property Litigation Associate, Dechert LLP, Austin, TX* - Represent clients in all aspects of electrical, chemical, software, and computers involving all aspects of intellectual property, including licensing, USPTO matters, joint development agreements, contracts, opinion work, infringement analyses, standards boards, copyrights, trade secrets, & antitrust issues. Discovery, motion practice, trial/ settlement procedures. Cases include Lucent/MPT v. Gateway MPEG proceedings, Apple Computer-Lucent Licensing negotiations, Tendler v. Onstar, and Acer/Gateway v. Hewlett Packard International Trade Commission litigation.

*Design Analysis Engineer/Technical Specialist/Engineering Manager, FORD, Dearborn, MI* - Technical analysis of vehicles, systems, components, and diagnostics. Act as corporate representative and expert witness; testify in trials and depositions. Conduct accident investigations and prepare expert witness reports and responses to requests for discovery. Expert in FMVSS, ECE, regulatory, due-care, corporate standards, warnings, SAE and NHTSA publications, information for NHTSA inquiries, recalls, notices, vehicle diagnostic, OBDII interfaces, vehicle bus interfaces, communication protocols, human machine interface, analysis/interpretation of electrical components, system information stored in electronic crash sensors, diagnostic modules, system modules. Lead design, development, testing, and implementation of advanced-technology passive/active restraint systems. Conducted numerous (hundreds) crash, sled, and component tests. Developed design verification plans & reports, failure modes & effects analyses, product & production validation plans, and then develop the products & systems to meet these requirements. Quality control/assurance.

*Senior Project Engineer, General Motors, Troy, MI* - Design, development, testing, and release of electrical system, software/algorithm, sensing, and airbag and airbag

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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- Davis v. Ford, Contra Costa County Superior Court, Martinez, California, July 28-29, 2005
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- Davis v. Ford, Contra Costa County Superior Court, Martinez, California, November 17, 2005
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- Toyota Motor Corp., Petitioner, v. Leroy G. Hagenbuch, Patent Owner, Case IPR2013-00483, Patent 8,014,917, Administrative Patent Judge Jameson Lee, USPTO-PTAB July 8, 2014
- CHRISTINA M. DAVIS, individually and on behalf of her minor child, BRANDON DAVIS, Plaintiff, v. Isuzu Motors Limited, a foreign corporation; Isuzu Motors America, LLC, a California limited liability company; Suburu of Indiana Automotive, Inc., an Indiana corporation, f/n/a Suburu-Isuzu Automotive, Inc.; Ronnie O. Underwood and Jane Doe Underwood, husband and wife, and Does 1-100, Inclusive, Defendants, In and for the County of Navajo, In the Superior Court of the State of Arizona, NO. CV201000098, August 21, 2014
- Vehicle Interface Technologies, L.L.C. v. Ford Motor Company, L.L.C., United States District Court for the District of Delaware, C.A. No. 12-1284-RGA, August 27-29, 2014
- Vehicle Interface Technologies, L.L.C. v. Jaguar Land Rover North America, L.L.C., United States District Court for the District of Delaware, C.A. No. 12-1285-RGA, August 27-29, & September 3, 2014
- Toyota Motor Corp., Petitioner, v. Leroy G. Hagenbuch, Patent Owner, Case IPR2013-00638, Patent 8,014,917, Administrative Patent Judge Jameson Lee, Michael W. Kim, & Adam V. Floyd, USPTO-PTAB September 19, 2014

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- Steven Newbern and Claudia Newbern Plaintiffs, v. Ford Motor Company and Stephen Ronald McGee Defendants, Court of Common Pleas for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, State of South Carolina, C/A No. 2013-CP-2928, April 30, 2015
- TRW Automotive US LLC, Petitioner, v. Magna Electronics Inc., Patent Owner Case IPR2014-01010 Patent 7,533,998 B2, Administrative Patent Judges James P. Calve, Michael J. Fitzpatrick, & Barry L. Grossman, USPTO-PTAB, May 19, 2015
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- Steven Newbern and Claudia Newbern Plaintiffs, v. Ford Motor Company and Stephen Ronald McGee Defendants, Court of Common Pleas for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, State of South Carolina, C/A No. 2013-CP-2928, July 29, 2015
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- Michael Ogden, Plaintiff, v. McCarthy Leonard Kaemmerer Owen, McGovern Striler, & Menghini LC, Andrew B. Leonard, Brian McGovern, and James Owen, Defendants, In the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, State of Missouri, Cause No. 11SL-CC00005 Division No. 4. November 9, 2018.
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- Schach v. Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone, United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania, May 5-6, 2004
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