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Company: Patent Consultants, LLC

Practitioner Type: Attorney

Total Years in Practice: 1

Describe your previous involvement with NAPP (examples: Committee work, volunteer work, involvement with NAPP programs/activities):

As a new practitioner I look forward to significant involvement in NAPP as it serves as our voice.

Describe your impressions of NAPP:

Together we are stronger, as such NAPP provides a framework where we can all come together as practitioners to protect our profession and help advance those interests that allow us to better advocate and help our clients.

Why you would like to serve as a NAPP Director (what are your personal objectives?):

As a relatively new practitioner I look forward to being actively involved in the protection and advancement of the profession.

Bio:

Evan Studied Biology and Chemistry at the University of Georgia. He then completed a Doctorate at the Southern College of Optometry, after which he practiced in the medical field for 15 years. During this time he completed a Juris Doctor degree at Northwestern California University School of Law. He then completed post graduate admission to the United States Patent and Trademark office after passing the bar.

Evan Currently practices at Patent Consultants, LLC and enjoys being involved in helping inventors protect their intellectual assets.



John T. Davis

Company: Barta, Jones & Foley, P.C.

Practitioner Type: Attorney

Total Years in Practice: 10

Describe your previous involvement with NAPP (examples: Committee work, volunteer work, involvement with NAPP programs/activities):

I joined NAPP in 2016, just as I was beginning my patent career, after having practiced general civil litigation since 2011. My membership has profoundly impacted my life. NAPP not only provided me an opportunity to meet fellow practitioners, but also, through the Forums, a collaboration and learning platform that would have been otherwise unavailable to me as a solo patent attorney. A fellow member not only mentored me, but also offered me my first position with a patent prosecution firm. My experience there not only improved my skills as a patent attorney, but also gave me an opportunity to learn and hone new management skills and strategies that have continued to serve me well both in my practice and as a volunteer with NAPP and other organizations. I have been involved in NAPP projects since 2016, working with other members on a variety of committees and teams, including the task force that selected the current forum software in 2018. I have also served on the Legal Affairs Committee, which I previously chaired, as well as the Member Benefits, Government Affairs, and Public Relations Committees. Since 2018, I have been the Forum Manager of the NAPP Forum and also volunteer as one of the moderators. I was elected to the Board of Directors in 2019 and have been honored to serve as Chairperson of the Board since July 2020.

I am also active in both local and regional organizations, including as a member of the Peer Assistance, Fee Dispute, CLE, and Morris Harrell Professionalism Committees of the Dallas Bar Association, and have endeavored to bring the skills and experience I have learned with these organizations to my leadership roles in NAPP. I am deeply interested in and concerned with the positive development of patent policy and professionalism in the patent practitioner and wider legal services communities, and have engaged through my position on the Board of Directors in various NAPP projects intended to further those goals and otherwise advocate for improving careers and livelihoods of all our members. I have been especially grateful for the opportunity to advocate for our members directly at the USPTO through NAPP's unique ability to open a dialogue with their leadership. Should I be re-elected, I intend to continue supporting such initiatives for the benefit of our community.

Bio:

John is a registered U.S. patent attorney. He graduated from SMU Dedman School of Law (J.D., cum laude) and was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 2011. His technical training includes a degree in computer science (B.A., magna cum laude) from Southwestern University. He is also admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Texas and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.



Joel Douglas

Company: Menlo Park Patents

Practitioner Type: Agent

Total Years in Practice: 20

Describe your previous involvement with NAPP (examples: Committee work, volunteer work, involvement with NAPP programs/activities):

No previous involvement with NAPP; however, the USPTO recognized me as one of the recipients of the 2021 Pro Bono Certificates. You can see the press release here: <https://www.uspto.gov/about-us/news-updates/record-number-practitioners-and-law-firms-helped-under-resourced-inventors>.

Describe your impressions of NAPP:

NAPP is the premier organization for the networking, education and exchange of ideas for the patent practitioner community.

Why you would like to serve as a NAPP Director (what are your personal objectives?):

I would like to help other practitioner provide high quality and comprehensive services to their clients and I believe that my experience as a practitioner and inventor (named inventor on 102 granted US patents) will be helpful to achieve that goal.

Bio:

Joel is an USPTO Registered Patent Agent [Reg. No 76025] and experienced in drafting and prosecuting patent applications, and in conducting prior art searches related to patentability and infringement. He is an EFS web-registered private PAIR e-filer with extensive knowledge of intellectual property laws and statutes, and has superior analytical and communication skills. Named inventor on 102 granted U.S. Patents.

Joel is a licensed professional engineer in Florida, Connecticut and Vermont.

Joel held management positions at Komag (the innovator in Thin Film Disk technology), LifeScan and General Dynamics

Joel Co-founded the following companies:

Amira Medical, Co-founder, sold to Roche Diagnostics.

Sterling Medivations, Co-founder, sold to Spectrx.

Mystic Technology Partners, Co-founder, sold to Simplified Energy Solutions.

Education:

University Of Connecticut, BS Civil Engineering

University of New Haven, MS Computer Science

Executive Engineering Program Stanford University / 1995

Awards

Academy of Distinguished Engineers University of Connecticut / 2005

100 Notable People in the Medical Device Industry MD&DI / 2004

Medical Design Excellence Award (Silver) 2000

Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing Business Winning Team (LifeScan) / 1995



David "Dan" Smith

Company: CableLabs

Practitioner Type: Agent

Total Years in Practice: 14

Describe your previous involvement with NAPP (examples: Committee work, volunteer work, involvement with NAPP programs/activities):

Dan Smith and Mike Carey started the Colorado Chapter of NAPP 4+ years ago, which has met almost every month since its inception. Dan also began NAPP's Practitioner Harmonization work and is now the Chair of the Advocacy Committee working on Practitioner Harmonization as well as other topics important to NAPP members.

Describe your impressions of NAPP:

NAPP is the only Patent Practitioner focused organization. This focus allows NAPP to address patent practitioner issues and to utilize its influence to push for necessary change within patent practice. NAPP also provide comradery and collaboration for its members, especially those that work in solo practice or as a sole in-house Patent Practitioner, like myself. While NAPP is a relatively small organization it punches well above its weight to the benefit of its members, and I only see that happening more in the future.

Why you would like to serve as a NAPP Director (what are your personal objectives?):

Dan has been active in NAPP for a number of years and finds great satisfaction in advocating for patent practitioners and has been impressed by NAPP's support his advocacy work. The patent practitioner career path is a wonderful vocation, but it has obstacles that reduces the number of new patent practitioners entering the career and makes it difficult to keep existing patent practitioners in the career, especially diverse practitioners. Dan's goal as a NAPP Director is to remove those obstacles, to expand opportunities for patent practitioners, and help make our community stronger and more influential.

Bio: Dan started patent work as a Technical Specialist/Scientific Advice at Lathrop and Gage, LLP (now Lathrop GPM), in 2008. In 2015 Dan went to CableLabs as the in-house Patent Agent, moving up to the Director of Patents and Innovation Coach over his 7 years there.

CableLabs is a non-profit innovation lab for the global cable industry, allowing Dan to work on technologies ranging from Quantum Communication, Wired and Wireless communication (e.g., the 5G and 6G Standards, Optical Comm, the DOCSIS protocol, etc.) Blockchain, PKI and security infrastructure, Network Virtualization, etc. Dan oversees in-house drafting and prosecution, six outside patent firms in the US, and 5-10 in foreign associates (depending on the year and the technology priorities). Dan also spends a substantial portion of his time cultivating new inventions, working with Standards Development Organizations (CableLabs participates in ~30 different SDOs), Standard Essential Patent Pools, and Anti-NPE (Non-Practicing Entities, also called Patent Trolls by some) groups (e.g., Unified Patents and Allied Security Trust (AST)), and as one CableLabs Innovation Bootcamp coaches.

Dan is named on three issued patents and has a dozen more in prosecution.