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Personal Profile

I thrive on the varied challenges and nuances faced by practicing intellectual property law. In plying my skills, however, I find that assimilating to membership in conventional firm practice for me begs the same futility as forcing a square peg into a round hole. I'm in it to win it, and through experience I have discovered that my utmost potential to that end requires exploring a different platform; hence, I answered the call for trail blazing. If, in seeking legal services or counsel, you find yourself impressed and comfortable with the rhetoric of a demagogue, then I'm certainly not the guy you're looking for – there's an otherwise ample supply of that approach to the practice of law available to you. If, on the other hand, you are looking for plainly spoken alternatives and a results-oriented approach from vested relationship, then I am quite sure that your people and you can get together with my people and me to reach the potential you seek.

Professional Experience

McCarthy Law Group, Oklahoma City

Starting my own practice in 2007 brought me full-circle back to the autonomy, accountability, and adaptability that only come from ownership in an IP boutique practice, having come full-circle from where I learned those values in practicing law from the start of this journey at *McCarthy & Associates*.

Fellers, Snider, Blankenship, Bailey & Tippens, Oklahoma City

As in all the firms I've been in, my practice focused on intellectual property matters, mostly in domestic and foreign patent preparation and prosecution, appeals, transactional exploitation of IP rights, legal opinions, litigation support, client development and counseling.

Director of Intellectual Property – Seagate Technology LLC, Oklahoma City

I served as in-house counsel managing IP attorneys and staff in day-to-day matters at the Oklahoma City and Shakopee, Minnesota design centers. Our legal team provided worldwide client counseling and associated administrative support to protect Seagate's IP assets and interests. We were also responsible for proactively performing invention disclosure mining, IP portfolio management, outside-counsel management, litigation support, and a multitude of IP transactional matters including contracting, licensing, joint development ventures, and the like.

McKinney & Stringer, Oklahoma City

I served in private practice, as above.

Dunlap, Coddling & Rogers, Oklahoma City

I served in private practice, as above.

McCarthy & Associates, Oklahoma City

I served in private practice, as above. This was an IP boutique started by my father and mentor, Bill McCarthy, who still practices IP law in Oklahoma City. I worked full-time as a licensed patent agent while attending OCU Law School at a four-year pace.

Quality Manager - International Environmental Corporation, Oklahoma City

I joined a very progressive executive management team at IEC, which included Larry Jewell and John Carnuccio, to manage the entire quality assurance function in a manufacturing operation. By that time I had become a Deming disciple, an ASQC Certified Quality Engineer, cognizant of the operational challenge that no product or service can be any more robust or reliable than each step in the process that derives it. I was generally responsible for all manufacturing and service quality systems deployment and auditing, quality loss control, and customer conflict resolution.

Advanced Manufacturing Engineer – York International Corp., Norman, OK

I served as an engineering liaison between the design engineering group and the manufacturing engineering group in facilitating new product introductions and R&D projects in a manufacturing operation. I was hired by and reported to Bob West, who has had a lasting impact on me for being a manager who earnestly cared for and motivated his group in the face of very difficult circumstances. In addition to daily responsibilities, I managed holistic factory and process reengineering projects that entailed significant construction management and quality systems deployment/auditing.

Power Plant Engineer – Texas Utilities Generating Co., Dallas, TX

I managed civil, electrical, and mechanical construction crews during day-to-day operations and during overhaul season operations at Lake Ray Hubbard Steam Electric Station. What those cowboys accomplished and called “routine” was absolutely amazing; they truly are unsung heroes in keeping our lights on. I also planned and presented construction projects for budgetary approval.

Production Supervisor – Security Solutions, Incorporated, Mustang, OK

I began as a part-time assembly operator while in high school. I liked the company so much that I married the owner’s daughter. That owner, Bill Dillard, took me under his wing and personally taught a mush-brain kid the analytical mindset necessary to turn raw materials into high-precision manufactured components, and then assemble them into a marketable product for profit. Twenty-eight years of marriage later, I’m proud to say that Shelley and I are still working together on this journey – I would not have been able to launch *McCarthy Law Group* without her invaluable assistance. I worked full-time while getting my undergraduate degree at OU, ultimately managing the daily activities of all personnel in manufacturing, assembly, and shipping operations. From the very beginning, my career successes have been attributable to a continual stacking up of my hands-on working experiences.