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EXPERIENCE:

09/2011-Present: *Patent Agent, Gardner Groff Greenwald & Villanueva PC, Atlanta, Georgia*

- Collaborate with inventors, attorneys, and patent examiners to protect the intellectual property of our clients
- Prepare patent specifications, draft claims, respond to Office Actions from the U.S. Patent Office
- Conduct prior art searching and monitor competitors' patent activity
- Assist attorneys in performing opinion work including patentability, invalidity, and freedom to operate opinions
- Core areas of focus include medical devices, healthcare equipment and systems, manufacturing methods and systems, exercise equipment, packaging, HVAC systems, heavy equipment, tools, lighting equipment, textiles, sporting goods
- Named inventor on two patents and a number of additional patent applications. Published patents / applications include:
 - U.S. Patent Number 8,813,416 (Fishing Accessory Capture Apparatus)
 - U.S. Patent Number 8,986,178 (Slackline Apparatus and Training Method)
 - U.S. Patent Application Number 2014/0144963 (Carrying Case and Methods of Use Thereof)
- Work with clients to protect their intellectual property in foreign countries including filing international PCT patent applications and filing foreign national phase applications with the assistance of foreign associates

05/2011-09/2011: *Technical Marketing Research Internship, Auburn University Office of Technology Transfer, Auburn, Alabama*

- Presented IP overview to interns and provided direct assistance to questions and concerns arising from IP matter as Head of IP for all technical marketing research interns
- Evaluated invention disclosures submitted to the University by professors and students, including conducting preliminary patentability searches and freedom to operate analyses
- Assisted with the creation of start-up companies surrounding the University's intellectual properties, including drafting business plans and market research

04/2009-05/2011: *Owner/Operator, Blake Hudson Solutions, Wetumpka, Alabama*

- Provided engineering services as contractor serving ThermoFisher Scientific, including drafting, design, quality control, engineering, innovation, invention, and prototyping
- Drafted patent applications
- Sole inventor of patent pending device

05/2008-02/2009: *Mechanical Engineer Co-op, ThermoFisher Scientific, Auburn, Alabama*

- Direct assistant for engineering manager at multi-acre manufacturing plant (plastic injection molding facility)
- Duties included detailed part drawings, designing various products, parts, systems and projects in SolidWorks, design and analysis of automation, project development, Industrial Systems applications, quality control, and time studies

08/2007-12/2007: *Tutor – Part-time, Auburn University – Engineering Student Services, Auburn, Alabama*

- Tutored students in the following subjects: Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Engineering Physics, Chemistry, and MATLAB

EDUCATION:

Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

- B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, 2010
- Dean's List
- Auburn University, Auburn Student Inventors and Entrepreneurs Club, *Founding President*, 2010-2011

ADMISSIONS:

- Registered Patent Agent with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Reg. Number: 75,196)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS:

- Programming Skills: MATLAB, LabVIEW, Stat-Ease, ladder logic
- Functional Skills: AutoCAD, SolidWorks, MasterCAM, InkScape, AcclaimIP by Anaqua
- Golf, Tennis, Hunting, Biking, Watersports, Guitar