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Curriculum Vitae

DAVID G. SMITH, MSME, MBA, PE, CSP

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING EXPERT

David G. Smith is a Mechanical Engineer, a registered Professional Engineer and a Certified Safety Professional. As the Vice President of Alpine Engineering and Design, Inc. he specializes in new product development, product design, patents, design for safety, and expert witness work.

EDUCATION

- MBA, Brigham Young University, Emphasis in Product Development (2011)
- Masters of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Brigham Young University (2011)
 - Thesis: Off-axis Stiffness and Piezoresistive Sensing in Large-displacement Linear-motion MEMS
 - Areas of study: Compliant Mechanisms, Springs, Structural Analysis, MEMS, Stress and Deflection analysis, FEA, Machine Design, Product Development
- Bachelors of Science, Brigham Young University - Idaho, Mechanical Engineering
 - Cum Laude Graduate

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Mr. Smith started with Alpine Engineering and Design, Inc. as an Intern in 2006 and has worked with the company in roles of increasing responsibility up to his current position of Vice President.

REGISTRATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Professional Mechanical Engineer (PE), Utah license # 8645497-2202
- Certified Safety Professional in Comprehensive Practice (CSP), License # CSP-30707
- Certified Forklift Operator

- Certified Counterbalanced Forklift Operator Trainer
- Certified Rough Terrain Telehandler Operator Trainer
- Certified Aerial Boom Lift Operator Trainer
- Certified Aerial Work Platform (scissor lift) Operator Trainer

AREAS OF CONSULTING FOCUS

During his years as a consultant, Mr. Smith has been involved in hundreds of consulting projects. His major areas of focus and expertise include: aerial lifts, trailers, towing systems, tarping systems, refuse trucks, exercise equipment, forklifts and telehandlers, drilling equipment, oil and gas equipment, heavy equipment, hydraulic equipment, consumer products, plastic design, structural analysis, designing to standards, and design for safety.

EXPERT WITNESS

Mr. Smith has been retained as an expert on over 40 patent, product liability, and personal injury cases and has testified in a number of these. He has worked as a senior associate on an additional 45+ patent cases and an additional 75+ product liability/personal injury cases. Mr. Smith has attended SEAK expert witness training and has experience and competency in the following areas:

Patent Invalidity/Non-infringement
 Patent Infringement/Validity
 Prior Art Searching
 Claim Construction

Product Liability
 Personal Injury
 Failure Reconstruction
 Safety

PATENTS

During his time at Alpine Engineering and Design, Inc., Mr. Smith has become familiar with patent prosecution and patent litigation. He has written several provisional patent applications, and has worked with attorneys in writing the specifications, creating drawings and drafting claims for utility patents on products he has helped design. As part of the product development process, he has performed patent searches, both for informational purposes and to lessen the likelihood that new developments would infringe other's intellectual property. Mr. Smith has six issued patents with multiple patents pending.

- 9,387,788 - Combination Trailer
- 9,616,799 - Pneumatic Tank Trailer
- 9,758,083 – Pneumatic Tank Trailer
- 9,789,916 - Pneumatic Tank Trailer
- 10,206,495 - Vehicle Receiver Hitch-Supported Cargo Rack Transformable into a Picnic Table with Benches
- 10,683,176 – Material Placer

As an expert, Mr. Smith has also been involved in patent litigation in the areas of claim construction, prior art and patent searches, infringement/non-invalidity analyses and non-infringement/invalidity analyses on over 45 cases. The following are a few of the categories of patent issues Mr. Smith has consulted on:

Semi Trailers
Mobile Equipment
Vehicle Mounted Equipment
Agricultural Equipment
Trailer Tarping Systems
Oil/Gas Drilling Equipment
Weight Machines
Athletic equipment

Plastic Components
Office Supplies
Food Processors
Blenders
Coffee and Tea makers
Camera Mounts
Hospital Equipment
Marching Band Equipment

Hinges
Seating
Hand Tools
Springs
Car seat gap fillers
Light Fixtures and Connectors
Baby bottle warmers
Cooler Latching Systems

PUBLICATIONS

- Off-axis Stiffness and Piezoresistive Sensing in Large-displacement Linear-motion MEMS
- Piezoresistive Encoders for Ratcheting Actuation Systems
- Design Optimization of a Linear-motion Large-displacement Micro Mechanism for High Off-axis Stiffness
- Metrics for Evaluation and Design of Large-displacement Linear-motion Compliant Mechanisms
- An Engineering Guide for Trailer Safety Chain Installation, Attachment and Use