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PROFILE

Mechanical engineering expert (BSME, PE) with over a decade of experience taking projects from concept to operation in low- and medium-volume environments. Named inventor on two pending patents. Worked on the development of multiple successful products including, among other things: automated hillside elevators, passenger ropeways (ski lifts), amusement rides, autonomous agricultural equipment, commercial lawn mowers, trailers, oil and gas equipment, exercise equipment, and consumer products.

Earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering while competing as a NCAA Division 1 athlete. Completed a minor in Mathematics and won back-to-back Men's Lacrosse National Championships in 2008 & 2009. Licensed professional engineer (PE), UDOT certified engineer and ropeway inspector, and certified forklift operator.

Steeped in principles of design for safety of automated and autonomous equipment. Skilled in all aspects of ropeway design, maintenance, and operation. Significant practice in electrical vehicle (EV) chassis layout, design & optimization across multiple products. Over a decade of experience in product development, equipment safety and risk assessments, and designing of equipment to OSHA regulations and industry safety standards. 3+ years handson experience as a mechanic. Life-long skier and athlete.

WORK HISTORY

Senior Engineer | Alpine Engineering & Design | Alpine, UTDec 2022-PresentR&D Engineer | Firefly Automatix | Salt Lake City, UTOct 2021-Nov 2022Production Engineer | Firefly Automatix | Salt Lake City, UTMar 2021-Sep 2021Mechanical Engineer | Skytrac Inc. | Salt Lake City, UTJan 2014-Feb 2021Lift Mechanic | Big Sky Resort | Big Sky, MTJul 2011-Dec 2013Ski Rental Technician | Boyne Mountain | Boyne Falls, MIDec 2008-Jan 2009Ski Rental Technician | Big Sky Resort | Big Sky, MTDec 2007-Jan 2008

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science - Mechanical Engineering

2007-2010

Syracuse University
Minor: Mathematics

Athletic Scholarship: Lacrosse

CERTIFICATIONS

PATENTS

EXPERT WITNESS

CONSULTING FOCUS

- Professional Mechanical Engineer (PE)
 - Utah License # 13128013-2202
- Qualified Engineer and Ropeway Inspector
 - Utah Dept. of Transportation Passenger Ropeway Safety Committee
- IVES Certified Counterbalance Forklift Operator
- OSHA 10-hour General Industry Safety and Health

During his time at Alpine Engineering and Design, Inc., Mr. Conlin has become familiar with patent prosecution and patent litigation. He has created drawings 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. Conlin is listed as an inventor on two patents before the examiner.

- US18/462947 Bicycle Rack with Articulating Wheel Support
- US63/600393 Apparatus, Methods and Systems for Tubular Inspection

Mr. Conlin has been retained as an expert on ten personal injury cases and has testified in a number of these. Mr. Conlin has worked on many more personal injury cases as the lead associate to the retained expert. Mr. Conlin has attended SEAK expert witness training and has experience in the following areas:

Product Liability
Personal Injury
Failure Reconstruction
Risk Assessment

Machine Guarding
Conveyor Safety
Ski Lift Design & Operation
Sports Equipment

Mr. Conlin has also been involved in multiple aspects of patent litigation including claim construction, prior art and patent searches, infringement/validity analyses and non-infringement/invalidity analyses. Mr. Conlin has worked on district court cases and IPRs. The following are a few of the categories of patent issues Mr. Conlin has consulted on:

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

Aerosolizing Cleaning Systems
Office Chairs
Adjustable Child Carriers
Topical Oil Applicators

Major areas of focus and expertise include: inclined elevators, electric vehicle chassis design, passenger ropeways, aerial ropeways, ski lift operation, skier collisions, sports equipment, ski equipment, lacrosse equipment, autonomous agricultural equipment, commercial mowers, turf harvesting equipment, amusement rides, trailers, end dumps, oil and gas equipment, heavy equipment, forklifts, construction equipment, conveyors, belt conveyors, hydraulic equipment, manufacturing equipment, consumer products, designing to standards, and design for safety.