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PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

Credentials

Professional Engineer
North Carolina License # PE-021552
South Carolina License # PE-30445
Virginia License # PE-# 0402-051757
CFEI
US Security Clearance (Inactive)



Education

Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering
North Carolina State University, 1993

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
Pennsylvania State University, 1980

Expertise and Services

EMC and Safety Compliance
Electronic/Electrical Hardware Design Engineering
Telecommunication and Data Network Engineering
Forensic & Investigative Electrical Electronic Engineering
Reverse Engineering
Patent Infringement Analysis

Principal Industries Served

Forensic Electrical, Patent Infringement, Computer, Power Electronics, Electrical/Electronic Design Services, Industrial Automation & Controls, Medical, Mobile Communications, Telecom, Data Communications, Legal & Insurance Industries.

Areas of Concentration

Agency standards - UL, CE, CSA, FCC & IEC
Computer engineering & applications
Electrical devices/equipment
Electrical & electronic engineering
Electrical systems
Electrical safety
Electronic manufacturing
Electronic design and failure analysis
Grounding

High-speed data networks
Industrial automation & controls
National Electrical Code
Product testing and safety evaluation
Product liability
Residential Wiring
Semiconductors
Telecommunications
Quality and Reliability

Specific experience and interest

Analog and digital design
ATM
EMF & EMI shielding
Electromagnetic compliance testing
ESD - Electrostatic Discharge
Ethernet
European CE Certification
Failure Analysis
Fire cause & origin
FPGA design
Grounding

HALT/HASS Testing
High-speed data and telecom networks
HDLC protocol
JTAG & DFT design and testing methodologies
Lightning/surge protection and analysis
Microprocessor design & applications
Photoelectric sensors
Printed circuit board design and analysis
Signal integrity and high speed design
Telecom and data communication
Thermal analysis, evaluation & testing

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE:

ESP SurgeX, Knightdale NC – Compliance Engineer

4/2013 - Present

- Project engineer for safety and EMC/EMI/RFI agency compliance.

Overture Networks, Morrisville, NC – Senior Hardware Design Engineer

1/2008 – 10/2012

- Project engineer for UL and NEBS compliance. Also responsible for EMC/EMI/RFI design reviews, safety standards, compliance and testing on all new and existing products.
- Design Engineer for next generation Gigabit Ethernet and OC3/DS3 data aggregation products. Responsibilities include high-speed signal integrity analysis, Hardware Design, JTAG test generation and implementation, PCB debug, PCB test procedures and environmental testing. Corelis JTAG software tools were used in the projects.
- Environmental analysis and test verification of new and existing products
- Interim hardware manager for 4 months (2010) while manager was on sick leave. Responsible for 5 engineers and new product introduction.
- Manufacturing and Test Engineering liaison for new product introduction.

Senior Hardware Engineer - Safenet Inc, Morrisville, NC

3/2005 – 12/2007

- Design Engineer for data encryption hardware projects for Safenet's next generation OC192, SONET and Gigabit Ethernet Encryption products. Responsibilities included Hardware Design, High Speed Signal Integrity Analysis, ROHS Compliance, JTAG test generation and implementation, PCB debug and PCB Test Procedures.
- Agency Compliance and Environmental testing and contract manufacturing liaison.
- Mentor Graphics and JTAG Technology JTAG software tools were used in these projects.
Note: Additional information describing the job responsibilities is classified.

Senior Hardware Design Engineer- CipherOptics, Raleigh, NC

12/2002 – 1/2005

- Co-Project/Design Engineer for three projects for CipherOptics next generation Internet security product offering.
- Responsibilities include hardware design/debug, printed circuit board signal integrity analysis, and product verification and test. Cadence Concept 15.2 CAD or OrCad 10.0i was used for the designs.
- Additional responsibilities included
 - JTAG test development and generation of manufacturing test sets using Corelis JTAG software tools.
 - Thermal analysis and test verification.

Principal Engineer, Inovia Telecom - Centennial Campus, Raleigh, NC

1998 – 5/2002

- Provided technical hardware solutions for Video over VDSL technology for new product line offering.
- Design and implemented universal high speed Gigabit ATM switch fabrics for Inovia's DSLAM product line. Responsibilities included hardware design/debug, printed circuit board design, and product verification.
- Motorola MPC8260 and MPC860 microprocessors were used in all hardware designs.
- Designed and implemented ATM test and interface boards for hardware verification.
- Lead hardware engineering interface for sister design team in Israel.
- Product support for current DSL access products in the field.
- Responsible for IEC 61000-4/IEC 801 EMC/EMI/RFI standards, compliance, and testing.
- Technical advisor/mentor to NC State Electrical Engineering Intern students.

Staff Engineer - IBM Corporation, RTP, NC

1997

- Design Engineer for a PCMCIA 25 Mbit ATM adapter card. Responsibilities included hardware design of a XILINX FPGA PCMCIA/ISA arbitration controller. The design was VHDL based.
- Responsible for IEC 61000-4/IEC 801 EMC/EMI/RFI standards, compliance, and testing.

Senior Design/Development Engineer - Connectware Inc., Morrisville, NC

1995 – 1997

- Project/Design Engineer for an ATM-LAN (OC3, Ethernet and Token Ring) Bridge/Router device. The product was an Intel I960 33MHz microprocessor-based design. Responsibilities included hardware design/debug, PCB design, and product verification.
- Lead hardware engineering interface for a remote design team India.
- **Responsible** for IEC 61000-4/IEC 801 EMC/EMI/RFI standards, compliance, and testing.

- Senior Design/Development Engineer- Square D Company, Knightdale, NC** 1989 – 1995
- Industrial Computer-Programmable Logic Controllers Division,** 1992 – 1995
- Designed and implemented a XILINX EPLD chip for a Programmable Logic Controller. Design provided backplane bus arbitration between an Intel 80C186 and a Motorola 68000 microprocessor, additional control functions and various I/O interfaces.
 - Designed an AC/DC (120 VAC/24V DC) 10 Watt switch mode (Buck converter) power supply.
 - Responsible for hardware design of an Intel 80C152 microprocessor based remote Programmable Logic Controller. Responsibilities included all phases of hardware design, test, and PCB design. This product received **Control Engineering** magazine's 1993 Editor's Choice Award for best distributed I/O product.
 - Responsible for IEC 1000-4/IEC 801 EMC/EMI/RFI standards, compliance, and testing on newly developed Industrial Programmable Logic Controller Products.
 - Team member of the Square D EMC/EMI/RFI Standards Committee.
 - Team member of the Square D Component/Supplier Qualification Committee.
- Photoelectric Sensors Division,** 1989 - 1991
- Project/Design Engineer for analog/digital ASIC design and implementation for Industrial photoelectric proximity sensors. Designed and developed three high performance photoelectric ASICs. Responsibilities included all phases of design, test and final product manufacturing.
 - Team member of the Square D Corporate ASIC Strategic Implementation Group.
- Senior Microelectronic Design Engineer - Avnet International Corporation, Smithfield, NC** 1988 – 1989
- Project/Design Engineer for digital system design for commercial satellite television receivers. Responsibilities included ASIC chip set re-design and verification.
- Senior Product/Quality Engineer - Exide Electronics Corporation, Raleigh, NC** 1987 – 1988
- Provided Product/Quality Engineering for Uninterruptable Power Source Systems (UPS), Emergency Lighting Systems, and Motive Power Battery Charger Products.
 - Responsibilities included system design modifications, PCB redesign and resolution of field failures and reliability issues.
- Senior Integrated Circuit Design Engineer- GE Corporation, Research Triangle Park, NC** 1980 – 1986
- Team member of the Microprocessor and ASIC Design and Development Group. Designed various Integrated circuits including an Arithmetic Logic Unit, Dual Port RAM ASIC, Medical Data Processing ASIC and a Control ASIC for a 120 Volt experimental light bulb. Responsibilities included all phases of Integrated Circuit design and fabrication.
 - Provided technical support and design assistance for strategic customer accounts (domestic and foreign) and internal tactical application engineers.
- INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PATENT INFRINGEMENT ANALYSIS:**
- IEC & Associates, Raleigh NC – Principal Investigative Engineer** 2010 – Present
- Currently working with an IP Attorney and a mobile phone patent portfolio. Responsibilities include monetizing and evaluating the patents, product teardowns, documentation research, product testing, claim chart generation, final report and presentation to the client. All the top tier mobile phone and tablet computers manufactures are represented in the infringement analysis.
 - Patent and prior art search regarding microprocessor control and application in industrial motorized vehicles. 2012
- Otto Technologies, Raleigh NC - Investigative Engineer** 2010
- Patent infringement and review regarding multiple cases involving distributed computing systems for mobile devices. Responsibilities included prior art investigation, final report and presentation to the client.
- Forensic Analysis Corporation, Raleigh NC - Investigative Engineer** 2009
- Patent infringement and review regarding an electronic pest and rodent pest control repeller. Responsibilities included claim review, prior art investigation, final report and presentation to the client.

INVESTIGATIVE & INDUSTRY ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE:

Consulting and forensic engineering services for attorneys and insurance companies regarding electrical/electronic investigations. Issues addressed include all aspects of the design, fabrication, production and operation, patent infringement analysis, reverse engineering, product teardowns and failure analysis of electrical and electronic devices and products as well as computer systems, hardware and software.

FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS:

IEC & Associates, Raleigh NC – Principal Investigative Engineer

- Currently investigating fire origin and cause case involving a toaster. 2013
- Currently investigating fire origin and cause case involving a washing machine 2013
- Currently investigating fire origin and cause case involving a seat heater. 2013
- Investigated fire origin and cause case involving a battery charger 2013
- Investigated fire origin and cause case involving telephone equipment 2012
- Investigated fire origin and cause case involving electrical failures in a portable space heater 2012
- Investigated electronic failures in Industrial Automation Equipment. 2012
- Investigated electrical failures and safety issues in a heating pad. 2012
- Investigated electronic failures in computers. 2012
- Investigated electrical & electronic safety issues in a forklift. 2012
- Investigated a fluorescent lighting fixture fire. 2012
- Investigated a utility surge and loss incident at a local golf course. 2012
- Investigating a suspected Laptop Computer overheating incident which resulted in severe burns to the client. 2010 – 2012
- Investigated an electrical shock incident related to an extension cord. 2011
- Investigated electronic reliability issues in a computer monitor. 2011
- Investigated a lightning strike incident at an asphalt plant. 2011
- Investigated a lightning strike incident at an airport. 2011
- Investigated a power utility surge event and fire damage to a home. 2011
- Investigated a fire origin and cause case involving a convenience store. 2010
- Investigation of electronic failures and a fire in an electrical power conditioning device that resided in a medical facility. 2008

Forensic Analysis Corporation, Raleigh NC - Investigative Engineer

- Investigated suspected electronic failures on a Motorcycle accident case. 2008 – 2010
- Investigated a residential fire incident and suspected damage to high end video and audio home theater electronics. Responsibilities included fire investigation, research, and evidence review. 2009
- Expert witness in a case regarding a malfunctioning medical implantable device. Responsibilities included investigation, research and evidence review. 2009
- Investigation of suspected electronic failures in a residential HVAC system. 2008
- Expert witness in lemon law motor vehicle case. Responsibilities included investigation, research, evidence review and deposition 2008
- Investigated a heavy equipment excavator fire. Responsibilities included fire investigation, research, and evidence review. 2007
- Investigated a Power Utility Surge event involving a multi-million dollar residential structure. Responsibilities included electronic equipment failure analysis, Insurance fraud investigation. Responsibilities included evidence review and final report preparation/presentation to the client. 2005 – 2006
- Investigated and provided Lightning/Surge Analysis for multiple clients. Responsibilities included electronic equipment failure analysis, Insurance fraud investigation and final report to the client. 2002 – 2005

Intota (Infogroup/ORC) – Investigative Engineer

- Investigation of suspected electronic failures in a Microwave fire. Fire origin and cause case. 2010
- Investigation of suspected electronic failures in a residential HVAC system. Fire origin and cause case. 2010
- Expert witness regarding failure analysis in laundry appliance electronics. 2007
- Electrical Engineering consultant regarding failure analysis of video electronics. 2007

Marshall Miller Associates, Raleigh NC - Investigative Engineer	
• Co-investigator on an origin and cause investigation involving a Veterinary CBC machine.	2010
• Co-investigator on an origin and cause investigation involving an apartment fire. Responsibilities included evidence review and final report presentation to the client.	2005
• Conducted a fire origin and cause investigation involving a television set. Responsibilities included evidence review, electronic failure analysis, TV and electrical appliance fire research and final report preparation/presentation to the client.	2003
Tasa Group, Blue Bell PA - Investigative Engineer	
• Conducted an investigation of suspected electronic failures in a emergency backup electrical power system. Working as an expert witness in the legal case with respect to the electrical/electronic hardware design and failure analysis.	2008 – 2010
Consolidated Consultants, Chula Vista, CA - Investigative Engineer	
• Investigation of a Power Utility Surge event involving a residential structure and suspect electrical and electronic failures.	2008
Institute for Products, Engineering & Construction, Scottsdale AZ. – Investigative Engineer	
• Investigation of suspected electronic failures in a mobile phone	2008
• Investigation of suspected electronic failures in a laptop computer	2008
• Expert witness involving a laptop computer fire. Responsibilities included fire investigation research and evidence review.	2007
• Expert witness involving computer software/systems, financial records and information.	2004 – 2005
• Electrical Engineering consultant for an electronic design dispute between a major appliance manufacturer and a sub-contract manufacturer. Responsibilities included evidence review, product design research, and final report preparation/presentation to the client.	2005
• Conducted a origin and cause investigation of a cook top fire involving a solid surface range appliance. Responsibilities included evidence review, electronic failure analysis, electrical appliance fire research and final report preparation/presentation to the client.	2005
National Forensic Consultants, Norristown PA - Investigative Engineer	
• Investigated and provided Lightning and Surge Analysis for multiple clients. Responsibilities included evidence review, electronic equipment failure analysis and final report preparation/presentation to the clients.	2004 – 2006
• Electrical Engineering consultant for a fire origin and cause investigation involving residential wiring. Responsibilities included evidence review and final report preparation/presentation to the client.	2006
• Electrical Engineering consultant for a fire origin and cause investigation involving a cash register. Responsibilities included evidence review and research.	2006
• Electrical Engineering consultant for a fire origin and cause investigation involving a large manufacturing facility. Responsibilities included evidence review and research.	2006
• Expert witness in a legal case involving a defective electrical home appliance. Responsibilities included investigation, evidence review, electronic failure analysis, destructive testing and final report preparation/presentation to the client.	2004
Technical Assistance Bureau, Inc, St Louis, MO - Investigative Engineer	
• Electrical Engineering consultant for a fire origin and cause investigation involving a floor model water cooler. Responsibilities included evidence review and final report preparation/presentation to the client	2006
Moore Forensic Engineering, Apex, NC - Investigative Engineer	
• Electrical Engineering consultant for a fire origin and cause investigation involving a rear projection TV. Responsibilities included evidence review and final report preparation/presentation to the client.	2006

Forensic Fire Consultants, Raleigh NC - Investigative Engineer

- Electrical Engineering consultant for a fire origin and cause investigation involving a manufactured home. Responsibilities included evidence review and final report preparation/presentation to the client 2005
- Conducted two fire origin and cause investigations involving television sets. Responsibilities included evidence review, electronic failure analysis, TV and electrical appliance fire research and final report preparation/presentation to the client. 2004

Kevin Kennedy & Associates INC, Indianapolis IN - Investigative Engineer

- Conducted a fire origin and cause investigation involving emergency backup electrical power equipment. Worked as an expert witness in the legal case with respect to the electrical/electronic hardware design and failure analysis. 2003 – 2004

Kemper Auto & Home, Charlotte NC - Investigative Engineer

- Conducted a power surge investigation on an industrial electrical generator. Responsibilities included evidence review, electronic failure analysis, and final report preparation/presentation to the client. 2004

Professional Organizations:

IEEE – Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
IEEE Product Safety Engineering Society
LES - Licensing Executives Society
NAFI – National Association of Fire Investigators
North Carolina Adjusters Association

Continuing Education:

National Electric Code Training - 2013 (Three day course), Keith Educational Seminars, Wilmington NC
NAFI CFEI (Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator) - 2013
Electromagnetic Compatibility Engineering – 2012 (Three day course), Henry Ott Consultants
NEBS Conference -2010, Verizon and UL (Compliance for Wireless and Broadband Networks)
ASIC Design (ECE520) - 2008, North Carolina State University
Fire Detection and Investigation – 2005, Durham Tech, Course # FIP 128, Durham NC.
Product Liability: Understanding the design Process – 2004, The Warren Group
Residential Home Inspector - April 2004 Wake Tech Community College, NC
National Electrical Code Seminar- October 2002, North Carolina State University
High Speed Networks (ECE570) - 1997, North Carolina State University
Computer Communications (ECE571) - 1996, North Carolina State University
Electromagnetic Fields and Systems (ECE540) - 1995, North Carolina State University
C Programming for Engineers -1994, University of Massachusetts
Electromagnetic Interference and Compliance Seminar - 1993, Interference Control Technology Inc.
Industrial Computers and Programmable Logic Controllers -1993, Square D Company
Quality Engineering Theory, Practices and Principles - 1988, Stat-A-Matrix Institute