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## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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### **The Walt Disney Company**

Jul. 2011 – Present

*Associate Principal Counsel, Glendale, CA*

Member of the Disney Interactive legal group assigned to support the technical operations of Disney Interactive, Disney Consumer Products (DCP) and Disney Technology Shared Solutions (DTSS). My duties include:

- Negotiating and drafting technology transaction agreements, such as: Software and Hardware Licenses, SaaS Subscriptions, Professional Services, Equipment Purchases, Software Evaluations, Confidentiality, and more.
- Negotiating and communicating with vendors of all types, ranging from Fortune 50 corporations to small, recent start-ups, as well as individual providers.
- Counseling business unit executives, managers and developers on the acquisition and use of technology systems and software.
- Managing and supervising paralegals and administrative assistants in all aspects of their work.
- Founding and active member of Disney's Open Source Software Committee, preparing company-wide policies and reviewing business unit requests to use, contribute to, and release open source software (oss). Head of subcommittee tasked with developing internal definition of "distribution" for oss and preparing compliance instructions for over two dozen of the most popular oss licenses.
- Instrumental in establishing and managing Disney's first officially-sponsored pro bono program representing families adopting abused and neglected children out of foster care, which has now finalized over 100 adoptions in L.A. County and is expanding to New York and Florida.
- Named a Disney Interactive VolunTEAR of the Year for 2014 (its first ever) and was sent by Disney to Ecuador with the charity Free The Children to help bring clean water to a local village.

### **General Atomics**

Sep. 2009 – Apr. 2011

*Corporate Counsel, San Diego, CA*

General Atomics manufactures the Predator® drone and other high technology systems, such as nuclear reactor components, electromagnetic devices, transportation systems, and software. It also operates uranium mines internationally, develops biofuel from algae, manufactures medical devices, and more. I managed all aspects of the company's transactional legal work, including:

- Primary attorney responsible for managing and protecting the company's intellectual property, including hundreds of patents and dozens of trademarks.
- Drafted and negotiated software license agreements, both as licensor and licensee.
- Negotiated international agreements with parties in the UK, Australia, Canada, Austria, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Japan, China, South Africa, UAE, Mexico, Brazil, and more.
- Advised on numerous employment law issues.
- Drafted and negotiated real estate and equipment leases, asset purchases, and related documents.
- Assisted with litigation management including discovery requests and motion drafting.
- Provided legal advice to CEO, senior vice presidents and other company executives.
- Regularly counseled company engineers and scientists on contractual matters, risk allocation, patent and trade secret protection issues and general legal matters.
- Managed and conferred with outside legal counsel.

### **Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, LLP**

Nov. 2006 – Sep. 2009

*Associate, Mergers & Acquisitions and Securities Practice Groups, Costa Mesa, CA*

Represented public companies and private equity funds in all aspects of corporate transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, and intellectual property licenses. Lead attorney for private equity firm making dozens of acquisitions nationwide. Negotiated and drafted a wide range of corporate agreements. Prepared SEC filings. Member of a team preparing an IPO.

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## **Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP**

Oct. 2005 – Nov. 2006

*Associate, Finance Practice Group, Los Angeles, CA*

*Summer Associate, Summer 2004*

Represented financial institutions in large, syndicated domestic and international transactions. Represented major movie studio in multi-picture co-financing agreement.

## **EDUCATION**

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### **Duke University School of Law**

May 2005

*Juris Doctor, Durham, NC*

- Executive Editor, *Duke Law and Technology Review*
- Author, “*Plugging the Phishing Hole: Legislation vs. Technology*” *Duke Law & Tech Rev*, May 05
- Recipient, Public Interest Law Foundation Grant for Public Interest Work
- Board Member, Public Interest/Pro Bono Board
- Committee Member, Duke Bar Association Academic Committee
- Member, Association of Law and Economics

### **Brigham Young University**

August 2000

*Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Italian Minor, Provo, UT*

- Member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics Honor Society

## **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Eclipse Hosting**

Feb. 2000 – Aug. 2002

*Founder and Owner of Technology Company, Provo, UT*

Provided corporate web hosting on UNIX-based servers maintained in a secure data center. Provided service to several thousand clients in all 50 states and 57 foreign countries. Managed several full-time and part-time employees. At the time I sold the company to attend law school, it was one of the largest web hosting companies in the state.

### **Novell, Inc.**

Jul. 1999 – May 2001

*Web Engineer, Provo, UT & San Jose, CA*

Managed the layout and functionality of Novell’s company website, [novell.com](http://novell.com), consisting of over ¾ million web pages. Became a project team leader and provided technical training on programming languages and software to other department engineers. Received Novell ONE Award for exceptional work on a full redesign of the corporate website.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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- Member of the State Bar of California
- California Licensed Notary Public
- Highly proficient in Internet and computer technology
- Fluent in Italian
- Licensed to solo in sailplanes at age 15
- FCC Licensed General Class Amateur Radio Operator
- Wilderness Survival Instructor on the island of Guam
- Eagle Scout