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APPLICATION FOR CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION

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Board of Zoning Appeals
Board/Commission of Interest

Regular Member
Position of Interest

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Business

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Length of Residence 3 years

Occupation Attorney

Reason for interest Want to get involved in the community in a manner that utilizes my previous job experience as a Civil Engineer representing municipalities and private developers and my expertise as an Attorney. This unique combination of skills and experiences would be an asset to the BZA.

Related Employment Experience (Please indicate dates)

A. Howard & Howard Attorneys, Royal Oak, Mi- May 2007 to Present

B. Professional Engineering Associates, Troy Mi- April 2004-May 2007

C. Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. Livonia, Mi- May 2002-April 2004

Education:

University of Detroit School of Law, Detroit, MI Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, 2010

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering, 2002

Past Experience or Other Relevant Information (City Boards, Churches, Civic or Community Groups, Memberships, Associations, etc. Attach resume or additional page if necessary):

As a Civil Engineer, I worked with Municipalities to review site plans submission to ensure the plans conformed to community standards. I was also responsibly to help prepare zoning appeals for private developers seek a variance.

To the best of your knowledge, do you or a member of your immediate family have any direct financial or business relationships with any supplier, service provider or contractor of the City of Birmingham from which you or they derive direct compensation or financial benefit? If yes, please explain:

No

Are you an elector in the City of Birmingham? Yes

M. Minna
Signature of Applicant

10/3/14
Date

NOTE: All members of boards and commissions are subject to the provisions of City of Birmingham City Code Chapter 2, Article IX, Ethics and the filing of the Affidavit and Disclosure Statement. Questions regarding this may be directed to the city clerk - 248.530.1880.

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Experience

Six plus years of experience preparing and prosecuting numerous patent applications in the mechanical art resulting in the preparation of over 75 patent applications and the allowance of over 25 U.S. patent applications. Specific areas of experience include mechanical, electro-mechanical, and chemical-mechanical technologies, such as medical devices, automotive antenna systems, automotive seating, automotive steering and suspension components, automotive driveline components, automotive cooling and climate control systems, automotive jounce bumpers, automotive window assemblies, building window and door systems, prefabricated wall assemblies, exterior building and construction components, alternative pavement designs, silicon manufacturing apparatuses, and silicon handling apparatuses. Representative examples of prepared and successfully prosecuted U.S. patents include the following: 7,793,703; 8,322,076; 8,322,075; and 8,362,783.

Professional Employment

Howard & Howard Attorneys, PLLC., Royal Oak, MI — **May 2007-Present**

Intellectual Property Attorney, August 2010 – Present

- Conduct prior art searching, analyze the search results, and prepare patentability opinions.
- Prepare provisional, non-provisional, and PCT patent applications.
- Prosecute U.S. patent applications.
- Correspond with foreign associates to direct prosecution of client's foreign applications.
- Prepare Trademark applications.

Intellectual Property Intern, May 2007 - August 2010

- Worked fulltime as an intern with Howard & Howard while attending law school at night.
- Conducted prior art searching, analyze the search results, and prepare patentability opinions.
- Prepared provisional, non-provisional, and PCT patent applications.
- Prosecuted U.S. patent applications.

Professional Engineering Associates, Troy, MI — **April 2004 – May 2007**

Staff Engineer

- Designed private commercial and residential developments for private developers.
- Designed public utility improvements for several Michigan municipalities.

Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., Livonia, MI — **May 2002 – April 2004**

Project Engineer

- Designed public utility improvements for several Michigan municipalities.
- Reviewed proposed plans to ensure conformance with State and local laws and ordinances.

Education

University of Detroit School of Law, Detroit, MI

Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, 2010

- Awarded Membership in the Dean's Honors Society.
- Awarded a Dean's Scholarship

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering, 2002

Affiliations

Member, State Bar of Michigan, 2010
Member, Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association, 2010
Registered to Practice before the U.S.P.T.O.
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