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PATENT AGENT

Dr. Guerry Grune is an external professional resource providing subject matter consultant services to Leason Ellis in relation to his multi-disciplinary engineering and chemist expertise. Dr. Grune is a chemical, mechanical, and materials science engineer, and chemist, possessing expertise related to chemical, mechanical, electrical, and medical products. He is a named inventor or co-inventor on over 100 patents and pending patent applications. Dr. Grune has combined this experience by assisting clients in the pursuit of intellectual property protection for the last 20 years. His industrial expertise extends to extrusion and molding of thermoset and thermoplastics, rubbers, textiles, metals, lubricants, surfactants, emulsifiers, fiber optics and associated connecting peripherals, ceramics, liquid gases, and composite materials and systems. He has direct experience in chemical processes, formulation chemistries, polymers and composites, service life prediction, and risk analysis including risk reduction technologies.

Dr. Grune assists clients with most matters related to intellectual property including full preparation and prosecution of US and PCT applications, technical due diligence and trade secrets, patent infringement, patent validity disputes, valuation, qualification, acquisition integration, IP analysis, and patent litigation support. He has directed and participated in audit and certification procedures regarding FDA, EPA, USDA, ISO- 9000 and ISO-14000/life cycle assessment compliance. He has served as an expert witness in litigation proceedings including electrophotography, medical devices, fuel tanks and fuels, deicing fluids, and wire and cable and associated peripherals. Dr. Grune serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor in the MEM Program teaching courses involving intellectual asset management (IAM) and patent law, and lectures in green sustainable technologies, thermodynamics, life cycle assessment, and IP valuation for the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke University.



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Education

- North Carolina State University, Ph.D., Chemical Engineering, 1992
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, M.S., Chemical Engineering, cum laude, 1982
- Duke University, B.S., Materials Science, Engineering and Chemistry, with distinction, 1978

Bar Admissions

- Registered Patent Agent: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Experience

- Patent Law: Mitsubishi Chemical America, Praxair, Solvay, Cable Components Group, Ennis-Flint, Superior Oil and Gas, ePatentmanager, Relevant IP
- Engineering Research: IBM, ABB Corporation, Praxair, KM Limited

Selected Speaking Engagements

- LCAPIX, Proc. 1st Annual Life Cycle Assessment Conference, "The LCAPIX Software Module for Life Cycle Assessment and Activity Based Costing," 2000
- LCAPIX, 3rd Annual Green Chemistry Conference, "An EMS Tool Merging Activity Based Costing with Life Cycle Assessment; Case Studies," 1999
- 2nd Annual Environmental Technologies Conference, "Environmental Management Strategies for the 21st Century," 1998
- ACS, 215th ACS National Meeting, "The PIX LCA Module: A 21st Century Approach to Providing Environmental Management Systems Which Mutually Enhance Profitability for Immediate and Longer Range Strategic Planning," 1998
- Proc. of 3rd International Interdisciplinary Conference on The Environment, "The Use of an EMS Software Tool to Simultaneously Provide LCA and ABC Analysis to Determine Strategic Direction," 1997
- Proceedings: Electrical Electronics Insulation Conference and Electrical Manufacturing & Coil Winding Conference, "Low Temperature Viscosity Behavior of Transformer Oils," 1995
- Radtech Asia 3 UV/EB Conf. Expo., Conf. Proc., "Sensitivity Enhancement of Polyorganophosphazenes to Radiation for E-beam Resist Applications," 1993

Memberships

- American Intellectual Property Law Association, Member
- National Association of Patent Practitioners, Member
- Licensing Executive Society, Member
- Natural Products Association, Member
- American Institute for Chemical Engineers, Member
- American Chemical Society
- International Society for Electrical Engineers, Member
- American Society for Mechanical Engineers, Member
- American Society for Testing and Materials, Member