

# ROBERT SMITH

## Patent Examiner I

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### SUMMARY

Seeking to obtain a challenging Intellectual Property-related position where one can maximize and leverage over 10 years of IP experience in patent prosecution, patent portfolio management, and technology research as well as multi-layered management skills.

### CORE COMPETENCIES

Research and Patent Databases, MS Office.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Patent Examiner I

**ABC Corporation - November 1994 – November 2002**

##### Key Deliverables:

- Entailing collaboration and negotiation with attorneys or applicants from the initial examination to the granting of patents in the areas of semiconductor technologies.
- Acquired extensive skills in computer commercial database searching in order to analyze and compare existing technologies with patent applications.
- Performing Prior Art patent searches using the Examiner Assist Search Tool (EAST) as well as a subscription-based non-patent literature search engine such as dialog.
- Reviewed over 1100 patent applications with over 300 patents issued.
- Routinely wrote technical reports that clearly detailed the results of the examination process with respect to the patentability of the patent applications.
- Classified applications in the most pertinent class and subclass areas.
- Analyzed patentability of inventions in wireless/cellular communications based on factual findings and relevant patent laws.

#### Patent Examiner

**ABC Corporation - 1992 – 1994**

##### Key Deliverables:

- Would study each application and then look for similar or equivalent existing inventions.
- I would perform searches, both in internal patent databases as well as on the internet, going through publications at conferences and in journals.
- Based on the prior art I found, I would write up and send to the applicants the first communication that would delineate an argument as to why the submitted application should or should not be granted.
- If the applicants decided to pursue the application further, after some additional communications, I would, together with a committee of two other patent examiners, either grant a patent or reject the submitted application.
- Used the internal software to search patent databases and write communications.
- Worked on applications in English, German and French.
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### EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering - (Duke University - Durham, NC)