# Chris P. Corbitt, P.E., Esq.

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# **PROFILE:**

Professional Engineer and Patent Attorney with seventeen (17) years of experience as a litigator and 20 years as a Professional Engineer with strong technical and scientific background, providing skills in intellectual property, construction law, contracts, negotiations, mediation, and litigation. Diversely equipped as having a managerial role in not only legal issues but problem solving, strategic planning, mergers & acquisitions, budget and fiscal duties, HR and IT. Excellent communication, negotiation, and leadership skills, optimizing and energizing the performance of co-workers.

# **EDUCATION:**

### William H. Bowen School of Law, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Juris Doctor (May 2004) University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas Master of Science – Civil Engineering (2001) - Thesis in Decentralized Waste Water Systems Bachelor of Science – Civil Engineering (2000) Bachelor of Arts – Microbiology (1998) Bachelor of Arts – Biochemistry (1995)

# LICENSURE:

United States Patent Attorney (#55,087) Arkansas Bar License (#2004089) New Jersey Bar License (#317472019) Missouri Bar License (Pending) Professional Engineer (Arkansas # 11625, TX, MO, LA, KY, MS) Arkansas Professional Land Surveyor in Training (License # 406) Master Plumber (#MP6667) Alternative Dispute Resolution (Licensed Mediator - Arkansas)

### WORK HISTORY:

2004 – Present	<b>Corbitt Law Firm – Role: Principal Attorney</b> Law Practice focused on patent prosecution, corporate legal issues, collections, creditor bankruptcy issues, copyrights, trademarks, constitutional issues, class-actions, and real estate transactions
2004 – Present	<b>Professional Engineering Inspection Services, PLLC – Role: President</b> General civil engineering practice/design
2000 – 2004	Arkansas Highway Dept., Little Rock, Arkansas – CIVIL ENGINEER Managed over \$1,000,000 of in-house and out-of-house research contracts for Planning and Research Division. Formulated work plans and collected data for presentation at transportation research committee meetings.

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### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

- Land Title Association *Engineering Ethics & Law* (2018-2020)
- National Society of Professional Engineers National Conference, Kansas City, MO. (2019)
- American Society of Civil Engineers (2010-2020)
- American Society of Civil Engineers, Regional Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (2019)
- Arkansas Bar Association (2009, 2010, and 2011)
- Transportation Research Committee Arkansas Highway Department, Biannual meeting (2000-2003)
- Transportation Research Board Washington, D.C. (2002)
- Guest Speaker Heber Springs, Arkansas Rotary Club (2002)
- First place winner for paper & presentation Arkansas Water Environment Association (2000)

# **PUBLICATIONS:**

- *Enhancing Pavement Smoothness*. 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Transportation Research Board, Washington, D.C. Mira Digital Publishing, Inc. 2003.
- A Comparison of the IRISystems and the Raytheon Thermal Imaging System in Detecting Inoperative Brakes on Commercial Motor Vehicles in Arkansas. 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Transportation Research Board, Washington, D.C. Mira Digital Publishing, Inc. 2003.
- A Comparison Study of Septic Tank Effluent Infiltration and Sand Filter Effluent Infiltration in a Low Pressure Pipe Distribution System. University of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville, AR 2001.

# **LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

- Legal Commentator, Radio Talk Show, 101.1 the Answer (2018-present)
- eSTEM Public Charter School, eSTEM Elementary School Board, President (2014-2018)
- Leadership Academy Arkansas Bar Association (2012-2013)
- Arkansas Bar Association, Member (2004-present)
- American Bar Association, Member (2004-present)
- Pulaski Bar Association, Member (2004-present)
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
  - Regional Governor Region 4 (2018-present)
  - President, Arkansas Section (2003-2004)
  - Vice-President, Arkansas Section (2002-2003)
- Leadership Training in Government Relations, Washington, DC (March 2003)
- National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE)
  - State Coordinator for MathCounts of Arkansas Chapter (2003)
  - Central Chapter Coordinator for MathCounts of Arkansas Chapter (2002)

# **ENGINEERING PROJECT PROFILES:**

- Expert Witness on Construction Deficiencies
- Retaining Walls, Foundations, Structural Steel and Wood

# LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

- Construction Issues, Subcontractor and Materialman Liens, Contracts
- Patent searches, Prosecution, Patentability Opinions, Software Licenses, Litigation
- Creditor Bankruptcy Issues, Collections, Negotiations, Mergers, Acquisitions & Negotiations

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### **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

## Relevant Experience

### I. <u>Chemistry/Microbiology</u>

- a. 5 years industrial chemist (testing wastewater effluent)
  - i. Biological Oxygen Demand Assays
  - ii. Total Soluble Solids / Total E.Coli
  - iii. Atomic Absorption Assays testing for heavy metals
  - iv. Oil and Grease Tests
  - v. E.coli and Penicillin tests on Milk for Hiland Dairy

### II. Law

- a. 15 years owning and operating a general practice law firm
- b. Licensed patent attorney, Intellectual Property including, patents, copyrights & trademarks
- c. Expert witness on numerous construction cases
- d. Creditor Law in Bankruptcy cases and Collections
- e. Real Estate Law
- f. Certified Mediator in Arkansas

#### III. <u>Engineering</u>

- a. Registered Professional Engineer in AR, TX, AL, KY, LA, MS
- b. Registered Land Surveyor In Training, Arkansas
- c. 250 page thesis on waste water treatment in University of Arkansas
- d. 17 years owning and operating a general civil engineering design firm
- e. Retaining Wall Design
- f. Foundation Design, slab on grade, drilled pier and strip footers
- g. Structural Design and Problem solving, wood, steel and aluminum projects.
- h. Expert Witness numerous cases

### IV. Finance – Mergers - Acquisitions

- a. 15 years as Counsel for ABC Block Co. and other Sub-Contractors
  - i. Legal counsel to several multi-million dollar mergers and acquisitions
  - ii. Manage and created long term financial goals
  - iii. Currently managing banking and financial relationships
  - iv. From \$3 to \$30M Annual Revenue and over 130 employees

#### V. Demonstrated Leadership Roles in Community and Professional Associations

- a. Secretary, Vice President, and President of American Society of Civil Engineers, ASCE Arkansas
- b. Mathcounts Coordinator and Membership Chair of National Society of Professional Engineers, NSPE Arkansas Section
- c. eSTEM Elementary School Board President, Little Rock, AR
- d. Numerous Speaking Engagements with ASCE, NSPE, and Arkansas Bar Association
- e. Publications on Engineering, Law, and Waste Water Treatment Systems

# **References:**

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# Association:

Peer and Engineering & Legal Colleague

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