## MEET A NAPP MEMBER **GARY ONEILL** Reg. No. 79,612

I did some research online for various organizations that were contributing and leading in the IP landscape, and became interested in NAPP. I joined in November 2020 and currently serve on the diversity committee, and participate in various NAPP forums.

I am a Managing Director of a patent firm, Examiners Edge®, and a registered US Patent Agent. As a former US Patent Examiner, I lead a multidisciplinary team of specialized patent professionals that helps senior company leaders of US and international corporations protect their business profits and checkmate their competition through strategic and radical leverage of the US patent system. Our team provides patent drafting, research, prosecution, and a range of offensive and defensive tactics with respect to patent securement. Additionally, I am also active as a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), and other organizations where I provide workshops and seminars on various patent related topics for inventors and entrepreneurs.

Although NAPP members span a broad geography, including multiple time zones and countries. NAPP nonetheless maintains a very collegial culture and community engagement. NAPP members are extremely helpful in problem-solving, sharing insights and even challenging perspectives on a wide range of patent law and professional questions. This is both educational and enriching as NAPP member's collective backgrounds incorporate virtually the entirety of the patent profession, including current or former law professors, litigators, in-house prosecutors, solo practitioners, portfolio managers, former USPTO examiners and most of the science and engineering disciplines. This makes NAPP forum discussions rich, stimulating, and a great resource to both learn more and contribute to current issues affecting the profession.

In my spate time, I like to read a wide range of nonfiction and travel to new and old places along with my wife. I am also active in my church, supportive of theological education and try to follow amateur Tae Kwon Do events.

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