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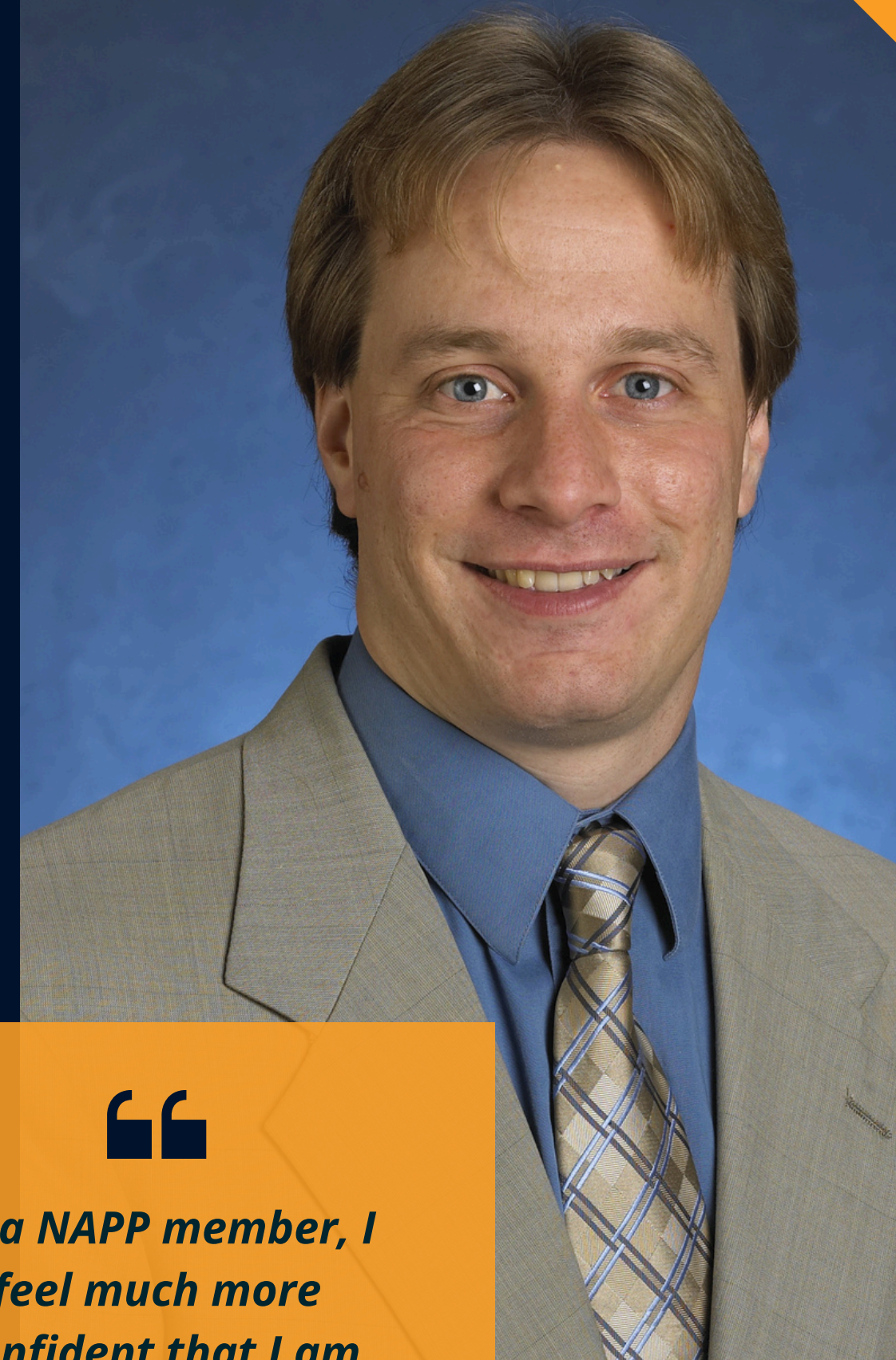
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Between meeting other practitioners and taking the patent bar exam, I learned of NAPP. Multiple people advised that the forum was the best place for a solo patent agent to get help in challenging situations. I joined in 2015 and in 2017, gave a presentation at the annual meeting about the patenting needs of small companies. I actively participate in the NAPP forum, and know I can answer almost as many questions as I ask.

I work in-house at a software company doing artificial intelligence. In the NAPP forum, I can get suggestions from multiple perspectives on how to make strategic decisions. Seeing multiple perspectives helps with concerns such as the cost-benefit analysis for different courses of action, finding case law, learning the best practices that aren't in the MPEP, and even understanding how to ensure success in foreign patent offices. My technology area is subject to many 101 rejections. Learning about how others handle these has been important in building my company's patent portfolio. As a NAPP member, I feel much more confident that I am giving my company the right advice.

Outside NAPP, I coordinate a monthly free and open online meeting called Discussion of Patents. It is a forum for inventors and entrepreneurs to ask newbies questions and patent practitioners to learn about what's important to startups. Outside of work, I am a cyclist, often found in the hills around Silicon Valley. I also enjoy traveling. I have had a chance to spend a bit of time in most US states and about 25 countries around the world.



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