

# IEEE Region 6 Awards – 2011

## NOMINATION FORM

(for Area Awards, and also for Region 6 Awards)

(This Nomination form is to be used by Sections for Area Award Nominations for all categories. This form is also to be used by Sections-via-Areas for Region 6 Award Nominations. Please use one form per Nomination.)

Area →  Central,  NE,  NW,  Southern,  SW

### Award Category of the Nomination:

- Outstanding Engineer Award
- Outstanding Leadership and Professional Service Award
- Outstanding Section Award
- Outstanding Corporate Service to Engineering Community Award
- Outstanding Student Branch Award
- Director's Special Award / Area Chair's Special Award

Name (Individual/Section/Student-Branch/Company): Morriss O'Bryant Compagni, P.C.

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Occupation: NA

Title/Position: NA


IEEE Grade: NA Date of Grade: NA

Company: Type of Business, # of employees, etc. A law firm which specializes in protecting the intellectual property of its clients through patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets.

**Supporting information to be attached, as appropriate and applicable:**

- (a) Engineering Career (Brief Summary), (b) Education, (c) Research/inventions, (d) Contributions to engineering literature, (e) Contributions to IEEE activities, (f) Contributions to the community
- Outstanding accomplishments of the Section
- (a) Company contributions to engineering, (b) Company support of IEEE activities, (c) Company contributions to the community (monetary and other relevant contributions)
- Outstanding accomplishments of the Student Branch
- Region 6 Director's Special Award / Area Chair's Special Award

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<u>Utah Section</u> Section Name	<u>Jennifer Hershman</u> Name of Nominator (Section Awards Chair or Section Chair)
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_____ Signature of Area Awards Chair or Area Chair (for Region Awards)	_____ Date



**TO:** ELISA BARNEY SMITH, IEEE REGION 6 NORTHEAST AREA CHAIR  
**FROM:** JENNIFER HERSHMAN, IEEE UTAH SECTION AWARDS CHAIR  
**SUBJECT:** NOMINATION – MORRISS O’BRYANT COMPAGNI, P.C.  
OUTSTANDING CORPORATE SERVICE TO ENGINEERING COMMUNITY  
AWARD  
**DATE:** APRIL 26, 2011

## **MORRISS O’BRYANT COMPAGNI, P.C.**

### **BACKGROUND**

A private company categorized under Lawyers and Attorneys. The company has a revenue of \$1 to 2.5 million and employs a staff of approximately nine personnel. The members of the company, all of whom are registered patent attorneys, have the extensive legal and technical experience required to obtain valuable patents, trademarks and copyrights and to enforce the exclusive rights which they afford. The broad range of technical backgrounds of the firm's attorneys enables a comprehensive understanding of its clients' technologies and results in greater protection of those technologies.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

A law firm which specializes in protecting the intellectual property of its clients through patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. The firm understands that while the current system of protecting intellectual property has been available for many years, many are only recently appreciating the value intellectual property can provide. While assets used to be determined primarily by buildings and inventory, the ability to protect advancements in technology has made intellectual property a primary asset of many companies. In addition, by securing intellectual property rights, smaller companies can more effectively compete with industry giants.

For the last 10 years, Morriss O’Bryant Compagni, P.C. has facilitated IEEE Utah Section providing a location to hold its regular (monthly) meetings and many senior member elevation activities (4 in 2010 alone). In addition, MOC has supported its employee's desires and interests to be involved in IEEE. It has worked through the conflicts and supported employee involvement in professional activities even when that involvement interfered with company work hours which include the employee

appointment of Vice Chair, Secretary, and Membership Development Chair for IEEE Utah Section and Treasurer, Vice Chair and Chair of the Utah Engineers Council (UEC).

## **SUPPORT**

The company encourages and promotes volunteerism of its employees by facilitating and supporting their continued participation in the IEEE Utah Section.

“I have been involved as a volunteer in the IEEE Utah Section since 2005 and noticed that Morris O’Bryant Compagni P.C has always been involved in supporting the IEEE Utah Section in one way or another. The primary contribution has been the support of Paul C. Oestreich’s contribution of service to the IEEE Utah Section. In many occasions IEEE Utah Section ExCom meetings were hosted in the premises of Morris O’Bryant Compagni P.C. Parking validations were made available to the IEEE Utah Section volunteers to cover the cost of parking, The company recently moved into a private office complex and hosted IEEE Utah Section meetings in their new premises. The Morris O’Bryant Compagni, P.C is an excellent example of a company providing outstanding corporate service to the engineering community. I highly recommend that Morris O’Bryant Compagni, P.C be considered for this NE Area award.” - Randall G. Redondo, IEEE Utah Section Past Chair