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Innovative companies and businesspeople turn to Richard Assmus for his balanced intellectual property transactional and litigation experience. Richard is closely involved in strategic IP agreements, intellectual property due diligence, technology, content and trademark licensing, brand management, copyright counseling, and advertising counseling. He utilizes his background in science and mathematics in connection with complex patent litigation and technology matters. He has also been active in advising clients in the emerging area of IP and artificial intelligence.

Richard is proactive in his legal representation, helping clients anticipate contractual risks and prepare effective licensing and other technology transfer agreements.



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Corporations benefit from Ana Bruder's experience in artificial intelligence (AI) matters, her comprehensive approach to the intersection of AI, privacy and cybersecurity, as well as the regulatory requirements under the EU AI Act and its impact on contractual terms. Ana assists clients with AI governance best practices, the classification of AI systems and AI risk management frameworks. Additionally, clients seek out Ana's counsel on technology transactions and related cybersecurity and data privacy questions. Ana also provides strategic advice in data privacy, cybersecurity and related matters, including the analysis of applicability and impact of old and new EU legislation such as the GDPR, NIS2 Directive, the Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA), the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA), the Data Act and the Digital Services Act (DSA). Ana assists clients preparing for and reacting to cybersecurity incidents, including the direction of forensic investigators, IT consulting firms and PR advisors to mitigate legal risks, assessing and making required data breach notifications.



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Corina Cercelaru advises clients on a variety of commercial transactions, including technology and business process outsourcing, technology licensing, cloud computing, and hosted service agreements. Corina has represented companies in many different industries, including financial services, food and beverage, audit and assurance, and publishing and information technology. Corina previously worked as a software engineer and business analyst consultant for American Family Insurance and Hewlett Packard.



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Paul Chandler represents clients in a broad range of technology transactions, including those involving data licensing and distribution/resale, data analytics and AI/machine learning, and the development, licensing and distribution of software, SaaS and other technology offerings. He handles a variety of complex sourcing transactions, including for traditional outsourcing and in the context of M&A, joint venture and strategic alliance transactions. Paul also helps companies analyze risks associated with open source software (OSS) and draft OSS policies and contracts that help companies mitigate those risks.



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Julian Dibbell leverages his deep understanding of contemporary technological developments to help clients develop, buy, and sell technology products and services. For more than a decade, Julian has advised clients on a range of complex commercial transactions, involving IT outsourcing, digital platform and other hosted service agreements, business process outsourcing, facilities management outsourcing, data center leasing, technology licensing, cloud computing, and privacy and security issues. He has represented companies in many different industries, including financial services, health care, insurance, food and beverage, audit and assurance, publishing and information technology.



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Jordan Elsas is General Counsel at Insurance Quantified, joining in 2019 to commercialize its AI services for commercial P&C underwriters. Previously, he held roles at AWS in Legal (developing the Financial Services Enterprise terms for the western hemisphere) and Security (leading design and implementation of security and privacy controls across all AWS product teams, including nascent AI services; and meeting with regulators in the US, UK and EU). Jordan began his legal career at Skadden, focusing on M&A and private funds. Before law school, he worked as a software developer and research assistant at the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund.



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Lisa M. Ferri is global co-chair of the firm's Intellectual Property practice and the Life Sciences group. She serves as lead trial and appellate counsel on behalf of high-profile companies in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. Lisa is a seasoned and versatile litigator having tried high-stakes cases in federal courts across the country and the International Trade Commission, argued before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), and the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. Lisa also advises companies and investors in transactions involving intellectual property including mergers and acquisitions, collaborations, licensing agreements and other strategic commercial arrangements. She combines a litigator's perspective with intellectual property expertise to evaluate and identify both risks and opportunities for clients.



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Nina Flax advises late-stage private and public companies on their most complex and strategic corporate transactions. Her practice spans domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, distressed transactions, and other transformative deals. Known for her creative approach and commercial perspective, she helps clients structure transactions that not only address legal risk but also advance long-term business objectives. In addition to M&A, Nina counsels clients on high-value commercial arrangements that fuel innovation and growth, including intellectual property licenses, technology collaborations, and strategic alliances. Recognized in *Chambers USA* as an "Up & Coming" Corporate/M&A lawyer, Nina is praised as "an exceptional attorney who provides sound legal counsel through complex and dynamic negotiations." Clients highlight her ability to distill complex issues into clear, actionable guidance and her talent for bringing creativity and clarity to high-stakes matters.



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Rohith George helps companies execute business-critical commercial arrangements dependent on the licensing and use of technology. This includes advising clients seeking to outsource business process and technology functions, including facilities management, information technology, finance & accounting, and human resources. He also advises clients in the execution of major business transformations that require the development, licensing, implementation and integration of third-party technology solutions, including those involving new and emerging technologies such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, and big data. In addition, Rohith has extensive experience advising on IT issues relating to major corporate transactions (e.g., mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, spin-offs, etc.), including assisting with due diligence, negotiating transaction agreements, and advising on post-closing transition and integration.



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Spencer Glende counsels clients on transactions to develop, acquire, and commercialize products, services, and intellectual property in technology-centric industries. Spencer has extensive experience structuring and negotiating complex commercial agreements, technology development agreements and strategic transactions, including collaborations, intellectual property licenses, and channel-partner agreements for software, life sciences, and other technology companies. He also manages the intellectual property aspects of significant corporate transactions such as mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures. Spencer has over twenty years of technology-transactions experience representing startups, mid-size firms, and top-tier technology companies worldwide, with particular focus on Silicon Valley and the Mountain West.



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Mike Goldstein joined GATX Corporation, a leading transportation asset leasing company, in 2023 and advises the company on a broad range of technology, privacy, intellectual property and transactional matters. GATX leases transportation assets including railcars, aircraft spare engines and tank containers to customers worldwide. Prior to joining GATX, Mike was Deputy General Counsel at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Mike worked in private practice in Chicago before moving in-house, starting as an Associate in the Technology Transactions group at Mayer Brown. Mike also has professional experience as a software developer at computer networking and artificial intelligence companies.



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Aiysha Hussain brings more than 15 years of combined government and private sector experience to her practice. She advises multinational companies on matters involving national security and international trade, with a focus on export controls, the information and communications technology and services (ICTS) program, and economic sanctions. She regularly guides clients across a range of industries through complex regulatory frameworks administered by the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), and the State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC). Aiysha also has significant experience leading internal investigations into potential violations of export control laws and US sanctions. She previously served as Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Export Administration at BIS, where she shaped regulatory priorities, advised on strategic initiatives involving China and Russia, and led the development of export controls on artificial intelligence technologies.



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Arsen Kourinian advises multinational corporations regarding compliance with domestic and international data privacy and AI laws, including comprehensive privacy and AI laws. He holds the AI governance professional (AIGP), fellow of information privacy (FIP), certified information privacy manager (CIPM), and certified information privacy professional (CIPP) credentials through the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) for the United States (CIPP/US), Europe (CIPP/E), Canada (CIPP/C), and Asia (CIPP/A). Arsen is a thought leader in data privacy, adtech, and AI, having published many articles regarding nuanced issues in these fields and an e-book published on Bloomberg Law entitled, *Implementing A Global Artificial Intelligence Governance Program*.



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B. Clayton McCraw is an intellectual property litigator specializing in patent and trade secret theft litigation for high-tech, medical device, and consumer products companies in federal district courts across the country and Federal Circuit appeals. Clayton also specializes in Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) proceedings, such as IPRs and PGRs, leveraging his experience as a former USPTO Patent Examiner. Clayton also has significant experience in international IP matters, frequently collaborating with patent counsel throughout the globe in connection with multi-jurisdictional licensing, infringement, and validity proceedings.



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Joe Pennell advises clients on digital transformation and outsourced services transactions, including with respect to customer-facing digital platforms, hyperscale cloud, SaaS, ERP, blockchain, generative, predictive, and agentic AI, the Internet of Things (IoT), software licensing and implementation, and the outsourcing of finance and accounting services, IT infrastructure services and support, managed network services, application development and maintenance and facilities management.

Joe is highly ranked by *Chambers USA* and clients say “Joe Pennell brings stellar value to our work not only from the legal perspective but also from a strategy standpoint. He brilliantly balances the legal risks with the objectives we're trying to accomplish.”



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Brad Peterson leads Mayer Brown's Technology Transactions and Outsourcing practices. Brad's law practice focuses on innovation, digital transformation, and operational improvement. His experience includes advising clients on information technology and business process outsourcing (ITO/BPO); contracting for artificial intelligence in products and services; digital services such as platforms and SaaS; data licensing and analytics; supply chain contracting; fintech projects; partnerships and alliances; and ERP and other software licensing, development and integration transactions. He has written and spoken extensively on these topics.

Brad has long been ranked in *Chambers* Band 1 and the Legal 500 "Hall of Fame."



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Oliver Yaros leads our European technology & IP transactions practice, advising clients on technology, IP and outsourcing transactions with a particular focus on artificial intelligence, fintech and digital transformation projects. In addition to this, Oliver acts for clients operating within a broad range of sectors on data protection compliance projects, cybersecurity incidents and related matters including advising on compliance with the GDPR, NIS2 Directive, the Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA), the Data (Use and Access) Act (DUA) and the Online Safety Act. Oliver is co-leader of Mayer Brown's Global Cyber Incident Response team.

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Scott Young has over 25 years of experience representing clients in a variety of technology-related transactions. He is trusted by clients for counsel on a variety of corporate matters and commercial contracting issues, including software and technology licensing, SaaS contracts, software and other product distribution arrangements, purchase and supply agreements, and other technology and commercial transactions. Companies seek Scott's advice in a variety of industries, including the SaaS, software, technology services, medical device, life sciences, energy, and other technology-based industries.

Emerging company clients also rely on Scott in venture capital and angel financing transactions and other corporate matters.