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CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Loyola Law School, Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles, CA
Director of Transactional Lawyering Institute (October 2023 – Present)
Associate Clinical Professor of Law (October 2023 – Present)

Courses Taught: Business Planning: Financing the Start Up Business and Venture Capital Finance: Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Fall 2026; Licensing and Technology Transfer (Co-Taught with Jefferey Atik): Fall 2025; Transaction Negotiation Team (course focusing on M&A negotiation): Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026;

Administrative Responsibilities: Faculty Advisor, Corporate Concentration; Director of Concentrations; Faculty Advisor, Business Law Society (student organization)

Committee Assignments: Curriculum Committee (Current); Instructional Technology (Current); Hiring Committee for Legal Research and Writing Professor (2024-25); Hiring Committee for Director of Entertainment and Media Law Institute (2025);

BOOKS

BUSINESS PLANNING: FINANCING THE START-UP BUSINESS AND VENTURE CAPITAL FINANCING (5th Edition, Aspen Casebook Series) (with Professor Therese Maynard of Loyola Law School).

ARTICLES

“Analysis of the IP Representations in the NVCA Form—Considering Necessary Revisions”, *Business Law Today* January 2021

“Suggested Revisions To The Intellectual Property Representations In The NVCA Model Stock Purchase Agreement Form”, *Preferred Returns* (newsletter for ABA Business Law Section), Fall 2020.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS (Selected List)

2026 California Lawyers Association 49th IP Institute, San Francisco, CA; March 2026; Panelist, “Deals, Data, and Disputes: Turning Tech Litigation into Better Transactions”.

2020 Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association Corporate/Intellectual Property Transactions Committee Event, Los Angeles, CA; October 2020; Moderator, “**Pooling in a Pandemic: The Value and Prospects of the Open COVID Pledge**”.

2017 National Asian Pacific Islander Bar Association (NAPABA) Annual Conference; Washington D.C.; November, 2017; Panelist, “**Wheel of Misfortune: Dealing with Financially Distressed Tech Companies**”.

2008 National Asian Pacific Islander Bar Association (NAPABA) Annual Conference; Seattle, WA; November 2008; Panelist, “**Why Hollywood Loves and Hates Consumers: Legal Issues of the User-Generated Content Boom**”.

2007 IP and the Internet Conference Presented By The Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar of California; Santa Monica, CA; August 2007; Panelist, “**Open Source: Managing the Present, Anticipating the Future**”.

San Diego Association of Corporate Counsel Contract Training Series; San Diego, CA; Various in 2015-2016; Lead Presenter, various contract drafting training sessions.

Emory University Ti:GER Program (technology commercialization program run jointly between Emory Law and Georgia Tech Engineering and Georgia Tech Business School) Related Speaking Engagements: 2017 Innovation Conference in March 2017 and in class guest lecturer on technology transactions law practice in February 2023.

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE (Last 20 Years)

Donahue Fitzgerald LLP Los Angeles, CA and Oakland, CA

Of Counsel February 2024 – Present

Provide counseling and transactional services on select engagements in the areas of commercial, IP and data privacy transactions. Member of firm’s IP and data privacy practices.

Winston and Strawn LLP Los Angeles, CA and San Francisco, CA

Partner April 2021 – October 2023

Partner in corporate group for global AmLaw 100 law firm focusing on intellectual property transactions and acting as IP specialist on mergers and acquisitions both representing private equity and strategic acquirers and sellers in manufacturing, retail and technology industries. Member of firm’s videogame, gaming and e-sports group. Advise on counseling and structuring various e-commerce and commercial matters including distribution, manufacturing and consumer legal terms. Extensive experience structuring and negotiating patent litigation settlements. Legal 500 industry publication honor as “Key Lawyer” for firm in copyright.

Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP (now Troutman Pepper Locke) Los Angeles, CA

Partner June 2019 – April 2021

Partner in corporate group for global AmLaw 100 firm focusing on intellectual property transactions and IP specialist on mergers and acquisitions both representing private equity and strategic acquirers and sellers.

Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth P.C. Santa Monica, CA and San Francisco, CA

Shareholder November 2012 – June 2019

Head of Technology Transactions Group. Long term secondment as general counsel of augmented reality hardware company (DAQRI) as well as secondment as transactional in-house lawyer for mobile gaming company (Kabam).

Sony Computer Entertainment America LLC Foster City, CA (2009-2012)

Senior Corporate Counsel July 2012 – November 2012

Corporate Counsel October 2009 – July 2012

Lead attorney for strategic business development group and U.S. R&D group for Sony's "Playstation" entity for the Americas. Experienced in strategic licensing transactions including major content transactions for Sony Playstation platform. Handled many major content deals for third party content streaming through Playstation platform. Advised on intellectual property issues related to platform development.

Fountainhead Law Group Santa Clara, CA (2009)

Attorney May 2009 – October 2009

Technology transactions attorney at IP law firm of former Townsend and Townsend and Crew colleagues.

Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP (Now Kilpatrick Townsend and Stockton)

Palo Alto, CA and San Francisco, CA (2003-2009)

Partner January 2008 – May 2009

Special Counsel January 2007 – December 2007

Associate September 2003 – December 2006

Member of IP specialty firm's technology transactions group focusing on software, patent, copyright and trademark licensing. Experience in drafting wide variety of technology development and commercialization agreements. Advise on open source matters.

EDUCATION

Emory University School of Law Atlanta, GA

Doctor of Law 1995

University of California at San Diego La Jolla, CA

Bachelor of Arts 1992

Major in Quantitative Economics and Decision Sciences

Minor in Computer Science

SOFTWARE WORK EXPERIENCE

Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity Camp Pendleton, CA

Co-Op Program Member July 1991 – July 1992

Engaged in software development and analysis for military software applications as a civilian.

UCSD Department of Computer Science and Engineering La Jolla, CA

Computer Lab Proctor September 1990 – June 1992

Taught computer science programming and administered program testing and examination.

BAR ADMISSION

California State Bar Number 179099

INTERESTS

Boxing (certified boxing instructor with sparring experience), Tennis, Chess (participant in US Open and various junior competitions)