Christopher J. Capelli

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Chris' experience includes negotiating and structuring patent litigation matters, managing global IP portfolios for Fortune 500 companies, and piloting licensing programs that generate significant revenue.

OVERVIEW

Chris brings a wealth of experience in patent prosecution, IP transactional activities, litigation, and strategic intellectual property counseling. With a background as a corporate executive managing large global IP organizations and portfolios, he serves clients across diverse industries, including artificial intelligence, machine learning (natural language processing, neural networks, autonomous systems, and other data-driven innovations), telecommunications, signal processing, cybersecurity, imaging devices, electromechanical devices, internet applications, and other cutting-edge technologies. Along with U.S. and international patent prosecution, Chris has extensive experience building global patent portfolios, licensing technologies, and assisting with litigation matters.

Chris assists clients in patent preparation and prosecution, licensing, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and other IP-centric transactions. He regularly counsels clients on patent strategy, portfolio management, and patent eligibility issues in light of evolving legal standards, such as those set forth in Alice and Mayo. Chris is committed to providing innovative, forward-thinking solutions that help to safeguard clients' innovations in AI and beyond.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Assisted in negotiating and structuring numerous patent litigation matters, including a $400 million settlement.
- Managed a global IP portfolio for a *Fortune 500* company consisting of more than 6,000 patents and trademarks.
- Piloted licensing programs for IP portfolios resulting in significant revenue and other related opportunities.
- Negotiated and drafted complex transactional agreements, including licensing, merger and acquisition, technology transactions, and internet-related agreements.
- Built an active prosecution practice and has prepared patent applications directed toward artificial intelligence, computer hardware and software, telecommunications, electromechanical devices, medical instrumentation, internet applications, and consumer products and services.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Intellectual Property
- Litigation + Trial
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Patent Prosecution, Counseling + Portfolio Management
- Technology

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Artificial Intelligence
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation + Trial
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Patent Prosecution, Counseling + Portfolio Management
- Retail
- Technology

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, NY Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, Federal Circuit Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Chief patent counsel, MeadWestvaco Corporation
- Associate general counsel, Pitney Bowes Inc.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- New York Law School, J.D.
- George Washington University, B.S.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, "U.S. Patent Office Provides Guidance for Patenting Artificial Intelligence Inventions," Locke Lord QuickStudy, July 18, 2024.
- Author, "Patenting AI Inventions," Locke Lord QuickStudy, July 7, 2023.