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OVERVIEW

Chris Chou is a partner in the San Francisco office and focuses on intellectual property litigation. He is the former legal director of intellectual property for Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company overseeing all intellectual property matters including inter alia, patents and trade secrets.

Chris concentrates on patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret counseling. He has experience in preparation of patent applications, patent portfolio management, patent prosecution, and patent infringement/validity analysis in the areas of electronics, microprocessor, computer software, computer system/architecture and semiconductor devices/fabrication technologies. He managed patent dispute matters in Taiwan and the United States, and negotiated various deals including joint development projects, patent and technology license agreements, and patent acquisition transactions.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Chris practiced with several law firms in California in the areas of intellectual property and patent litigation. In addition to his legal practice, he has more than 10 years of industrial experience as an engineer and manager in the area of electronics, robotics systems, and computer hardware and software design.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "IP Practice in Asia," *Silicon Valley Intellectual Property Law Association*, October, 2007
- "Intellectual Property Management and Strategies," Taiwan Semiconductor Industry Association, *SemiTech Taipei 2007 Symposium*, May 11, 2007

EDUCATION

- J.D., Whittier Law School, 1992
- M.B.A., Pepperdine University, 1988
- M.S.E.E., California State University, Long Beach, 1981

- B.E., Chung Yuan University, *Electronic Engineering*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California

LANGUAGES

- Chinese (Cantonese)
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Taiwanese

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Litigation

INDUSTRIES

- Aerospace
- Artificial Intelligence
- Hardware and Semiconductors
- Manufacturing
- Space
- Technology
- Transportation and Logistics