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OVERVIEW

Hugh Matsubayashi is a partner focusing on patent prosecution and intellectual property transactions.

Hugh has experience protecting his clients' intellectual property across a range of technologies, including artificial intelligence, machine learning, computer hardware and software, medical devices, and semiconductor manufacturing. He has represented clients in an array of matters, including prosecution of domestic and international patent applications, intellectual property licensing, and intellectual property due diligence.

Having served as in-house counsel at a venture-funded medical device start-up as well as a Fortune 500 information technology company, Hugh understands the importance of tailoring each client's intellectual property strategy to its practical business needs.

Hugh is a member of the firmwide Diversity Committee and a co-chairperson for the Seattle office Diversity Committee.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Hugh has previously worked as a partner at an international law firm, and as an associate at an American multinational law firm. In addition to his years in private practice, Hugh has served in a variety of in-house roles. Prior to joining K&L Gates, Hugh was the Vice President of Legal Affairs and Intellectual Property at a venture-funded medical device company in Seattle. Earlier in his career, he served as Senior Patent Counsel for the Network Storage division of an American technology company. He has also worked at the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology at the University of Tokyo.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Patent Law in Seattle, 2024

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Asian Bar Association of Washington, Vice President, 2017; Board of Directors, 2013–present

- Asian Bar Association Student Scholarship Foundation; Board of Directors, 2022–present
- Ryther, Board of Trustees, 2013–2017
- Initiative for Diversity Governing Council, 2013–2014
- Asian Law Alliance, Board of Directors, 2006–2008
- Asian Pacific Bar Association of Silicon Valley, Board of Directors, 2000

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Washington School of Law, 1997 (*Articles Editor, Washington Law Review*)
- B.S.M.E., University of California, Berkeley, 1993

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California
- Bar of Washington
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

AREAS OF FOCUS

- IP Procurement and Portfolio Management
- Energy Storage and Distributed Resources
- Technology Transactions and Sourcing

INDUSTRIES

- Artificial Intelligence
- Data Analytics
- Hardware and Semiconductors
- Technology
- Telecommunication and Mobile

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Patent prosecution counsel managing a portfolio of hundreds of patents for Fortune 100 technology companies

- Represented biotechnology equipment manufacturer in preparation for interference proceedings
- Represented computer hardware company in performing intellectual property due diligence support for client's initial public offering
- Represented underwriter in initial public offering in performing intellectual property due diligence review
- Represented semiconductor manufacturing company in Section 337 action before the International Trade Commission, where all patents at issue found not infringed, invalid, and failing to meet domestic industry requirement
- Represented medical device start-up in drafting and negotiating outbound technology license agreements
- Represented Japanese client in intellectual property licensing negotiations with a Chinese energy storage company
- Represented Japanese client in negotiating a Development and Licensing Agreement with a semiconductor manufacturing company
- Represented public client in bid to acquire assets of a technology company through a Section 363 bankruptcy sale auction