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Professional Overview

Tom Maliska consults with COJK on intellectual property matters and related business strategies for IP owners and those seeking to protect their innovations. Tom combines broad technical background and legal experience with strong strategic business development skills to assist clients with the development of patent portfolios during R&D; revenue generation through technology transfer, licensing, joint development and strategic partnering deals; strategic business development and investment; and IP litigation management strategy.

Tom brings over 35 years of professional experience in successfully building new software technologies in emerging markets and protecting them with intellectual property strategies. He provides an array of legal, business development, and management skills for creation, acquisition, commercial exploitation, and enforcement of intellectual property assets. Tom's practice combines over two decades of leadership and experience in high technology, including legal, software development, venture investment, and networking and business development for semiconductor, hardware and software companies.

Tom operates Kindling®, a technology and business consulting practice. He is a named inventor on a variety of U.S. patents in the fields of computer software, e-commerce, and wireless technology, and has taken technical disclosures on hundreds of technical ideas and related patent applications. His prior experience includes leading edge intellectual property work for clients such as Aldus/Adobe, Texas Instruments, RSA Data, Captaris/Open Text, Raychem Corp., Aventail, and a variety of startup companies. Clients include cloud technology innovator Smartsheet, a cloud-based project management and work collaboration solution; MarcomCentral, a pioneer in cloud-based print and marketing automation solutions; and mobile innovator Cequent, an industry leader in mobile caller identification. Tom has experience on the advisory board of technology companies, including DNA Response, Inc., a provider of multi-channel e-commerce, marketing, and order management solutions.

Education



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- J.D., Stanford Law School, 1990
- B.A., Political Science, Stanford University, 1983

Professional Experience

- Christensen O'Connor Johnson Kindness^{PLLC}
Seattle, WA, 2015 – present
- Kindling®
Seattle, WA, 2006 – present
- Brain Fuel LLC
Palo Alto, CA, 1997 – 2006
- Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe
Palo Alto, CA and Seattle, WA, 1990 – 1997

Technical Experience

- Academic Computing Specialist
Stanford University, Stanford, CA, 1983 – 1987

Bar & Court Admissions

- Bar Admissions: California
- Federal Court, Ninth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- American Bar Association
- American Intellectual Property Lawyers Association
- Association for Computing Machinery
- International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property