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Meet the Speakers

Stephen Bates is a principal in the National Tax Department of Ernst & Young LLP, based in San Francisco. Stephen is Americas ITTS Solutions leader and global leader of the IP Alignment and Industry Convergence practice. Stephen provides tax advice to multinational corporations on transactional and controversy matters, including transfer pricing, intellectual property planning, international restructuring, Internet-based ventures and supply chain management. He advises large multinationals in a variety of industries, including the software, semiconductor, pharmaceutical, manufacturing and services sectors. Prior to joining Ernst & Young LLP, Stephen was a principal at another Big Four firm and an international tax associate at the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP



Stephen is a frequent speaker on international tax issues before various organizations, including Tax Executives Institute, International Fiscal Association, Practicing Law Institute, and the DC Bar Association. He is the author of numerous articles regarding cloud computing (Tax Notes Federal), contract manufacturing (Tax Notes International), planning for cross-border services (Tax Notes), taxation of space, ocean and communications income (Journal of International Taxation and TAXES Magazine), sourcing of computer software royalties (Tax Management International Journal), offshore e-commerce (Journal of Taxation of Financial Institutions), startup-planning (U.S.C. Tax Institute), and attribution of corporate agent activities (Georgia Law Review).

Stephen earned a JD with high honors from the George Washington University Law School and a BA from Northwestern University in Political Science and International Studies. Stephen is admitted to the bars of New York and the District of Columbia.

Philip Petti served as the Chief Intellectual Property Counsel at the USG Corporation (a member of the Knauf Group) for over 17 years. Until he retired from USG, Phil managed USG's worldwide intellectual property portfolio, overseeing global enforcement, licensing, and IP asset valuation. He successfully leveraged the company's IP portfolio to drive revenue and strategic growth for both USG and the Knauf Group through joint ventures, divestitures, and acquisitions.



Prior to his tenure at USG, Phil was a senior partner at the premier intellectual property firm Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery in Chicago, Illinois. There, he focused primarily on patent and trademark litigation while also advising small and medium-sized enterprises on strategic IP portfolio development.

Sanjay Prasad has practiced at the forefront of technology and intellectual property for over twenty years advising some of the world's most prominent companies. He has served as Chief Patent Counsel to Oracle Corporation, where he guided global patent strategy, and has held senior roles at IPVALUE Management and Intellectual Ventures, organizations at the cutting edge of patent monetization and technology commercialization. Sanjay has been repeatedly recognized by Intellectual Asset Management Magazine as one of the world's leading IP strategists. He has also testified before a U.S. Congressional Subcommittee in hearings that led to passage of §19 of the America Invents Act.



Sanjay is an Associate Professor of Law in the Intellectual Property Law Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, where he developed and teaches a class on Software Intellectual Property Law and Licensing. A frequent speaker on IP law, Sanjay has also served in leadership roles on several intellectual property association boards. Sanjay is also a co-inventor on U.S. Patent 8,620,800, "Determining Patent Infringement Risk Exposure Using Litigation Analysis."

Sanjay earned an MS in Computer Engineering and a BS in Electrical Engineering from Boston University, and his J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law, where he was an editor of the Syracuse Law Review. Prior to law school Sanjay worked as a CPU design engineer.

Brett Hansen is Of Counsel with the Salt Lake City-based intellectual property law firm Workman Nydegger, where he is a member of the litigation group and advises companies on intellectual property strategy and portfolio management. Prior to entering private practice, he spent 19 years as Director of Intellectual Property at Hypertherm, Inc., a leading U.S. industrial equipment manufacturer, where he led the company's global intellectual property program. His experience includes international patent portfolio development, intellectual property litigation, licensing, and anti-counterfeiting enforcement.



Guido Quiram studied electrical engineering, information technology and economics at RWTH Aachen University and graduated as an engineer in 1997 and as an industrial engineer in 2000. Guido Quiram has been working in the field of intellectual property since 2007 and, following his training at the law firm Michalski Hüttermann & Partner, was admitted as a German patent attorney and representative before the European Union Intellectual Property Office in 2010. This was immediately followed by his registration as a professional representative before the European Patent Office in 2011.



Prior to his work in intellectual property law, Guido Quiram worked for more than ten years as a senior project manager and technology expert for American, Swiss and German companies in Switzerland and Germany. His wide-ranging and international industry experience enables Guido Quiram to identify clients' needs precisely and, after providing comprehensible advice, to fully satisfy them with the possibilities of intellectual property protection.

Guido Quiram has extensive practical experience in obtaining, enforcing and defending technical property rights both before the relevant offices and courts and out of court. He specializes in the fields of electrical engineering, computer-implemented inventions, telecommunications, automation technology, photovoltaics, measurement and control technology, high-voltage technology, mechanical engineering and process engineering. In addition, Guido Quiram also regularly prepares expert opinions, for example in the context of company disposals, for product approval or for white-spot analyses. He also has extensive expertise in trademark and design protection.

William (Skip) Fisher is a Partner in Potomac Law Group's Intellectual Property, Litigation, and Technology and IP Transactions practices. His practice focuses on strategic counselling, high-stakes litigation, and complex licensing in all areas of intellectual property, and he has a niche practice in Chinese intellectual property law, practice, and procedure.



Having spent the past 20+ years practicing both U.S. and Chinese IP law, with over 12 years based in China, Skip has the unique ability to explain Chinese IP laws, practices, and procedures to U.S. and other Western clients in a way they can easily understand and likewise to explain U.S. IP laws, practices, and procedures to Asian clients. Because of this, he is often called on by clients on both sides of the Pacific to act as a strategic advisor on IP matters involving one or both jurisdictions. Skip has been recognized for his IP expertise by leading legal directories, including Chambers, The Legal 500, Acritas Stars, MIP IP Stars, and IAM Patent 1000.

Essenese Obhan is the managing partner of Obhan Mason, ranked among India's leading firms. As an Intellectual Property lawyer he is considered "a strategically minded IP veteran with several high-stakes, high-profile licensing disputes under his belt", and "is the first choice for many Fortune 500 companies and leading domestic businesses."



Described as "versatile and meticulous" and "an ideal IP attorney" for his "sharp understanding of technology", Essenese has been instructed on matters involving IP infringement, passing off and dilution, international arbitration involving IP disputes, and other enforcement actions before the courts and tribunals across India. Besides these, he also leads the team in non-contentious matters including handling global portfolios, IP acquisition and transfer exercises and prosecution services.

Essenese leads a "well-respected practice" with three offices across India – Delhi, Pune and Bangalore – and is considered "adept" at handling IP work for sectors such as engineering, electronics & communications, IT, software, biotechnology, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, life sciences, nanotechnology and agribusiness.

Frequently sought out by major multinationals for "his business-savvy advice on portfolio management, strategy and licensing", Essenese has successfully led the team in several litigious matters for clients, including ad interim patent and trade mark injunctions, securing permanent trademark injunction for the security solutions provider G4S; defended clients against multiple claims of infringement from patent trolls; and advised a leading domestic advertising agency in copyright dispute against a global ad major. Essenese also oversees the enforcement team that

has deep experience in conducting local commissions against counterfeiters across the country, in response to court orders for this purpose that it receives routinely.

Kevin Rhodes is Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Affairs Officer and Secretary, overseeing the Company's legal, compliance, and global security matters for 3M. He leads a global Legal Affairs team that helps guide business opportunities, address enterprise risks, protect intellectual property, shape the development of law and policy, and strengthen compliance and security.

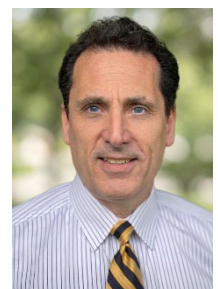


Throughout his 25-year 3M career, Kevin has led legal teams in areas of increasing responsibility. He most recently was Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Affairs Officer, advising senior management and the Board of Directors on legal issues. He previously led the company's litigation function and served for more than ten years as Chief Intellectual Property Counsel, with responsibility for managing the global intellectual property assets of 3M and its worldwide affiliates.

Kevin is a registered patent attorney and has served as President of the Intellectual Property Owner's Association and the Association of Corporate Patent Counsel, as well as Chair of the Steering Committee of the Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform. In 2018, he was inducted into the Intellectual Property Hall of Fame by the IP Hall of Fame Academy.

Prior to joining 3M in 2001, Kevin was a partner at Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago. He received his J.D., magna cum laude, from Northwestern University, and his B.A. from Grinnell College.

Stephen Eland is General Counsel of OPEX Corporation—a global leader in automation solutions for warehouse, document, and mail processing headquartered in Moorestown, New Jersey. As a recovering patent lawyer, he brings the disciplined, strategic mindset of an IP practitioner to the full range of a general counsel's responsibilities—from commercial and corporate matters to risk and governance.



Stephen's path to the role of GC ran through patent law. As both outside and in-house counsel, he drove the rapid expansion of OPEX's patent portfolio, carrying matters from prosecution through litigation and appeal. Most recently, he secured a patent enforcement victory at the International Trade Commission—obtaining an exclusion order that was subsequently upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Prior to moving into his role as GC, Stephen held a senior IP role as Division Counsel, IP at Saint-Gobain, where he led strategic IP planning, guided multiple patent infringement lawsuits, integrated IP acquisitions to capture M&A synergies, and grew the patent portfolio to support Saint-Gobain's expanding construction materials businesses in North America. Earlier in his career, he was a shareholder at the intellectual property firm Dann, Dorfman, Herrell & Skillman,

P.C., where he represented clients in patent and trademark prosecution and enforcement across a wide range of technologies.

Drawing on more than 25 years spanning private practice, senior IP counsel, and the general counsel's chair, Stephen speaks to patent professionals about the transition from IP specialist to general counsel—what carries over, what doesn't, and how a patent background reshapes the way a legal department creates value.

Scott Hayden is the Vice President of the intellectual Property Group for Amazon.com since 2006. He is responsible for all patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and domain issues. Scott has managed the growth of the IP team from 4 people to over 80 (and still looking to hire a couple more) and is responsible for a portfolio of 18,000+ patent families, 50,000+ trademark assets, and 85,000+ domains.



Peter Mattei is Associate General Counsel – Innovation & Technology for Tenneco, a leading manufacturer of automotive products for original equipment and aftermarket customers. He leads a team of professionals responsible for managing Tenneco's patent portfolio and supporting innovation activities around the globe. Prior to joining Tenneco in 2013, Peter was IP Counsel for Toyota North America. He currently serves on the IPO Education Foundation Board of Directors, as Co-Chair of IPO's Corporate IP Management & Operations Committee, and as a council member of the IP Law Section of the Michigan Bar. He has a J.D. from Wake Forest University and a Bachelor of Engineering from Western Michigan University.



Troy Prince is Vice President, Chief Intellectual Property and Licensing Counsel of RTX Corporation. Troy leads an international team of attorneys, patent agents, and paraprofessionals spanning RTX business units, Collins Aerospace, Pratt & Whitney, and Raytheon Company, who are responsible for all aspects of intellectual property identification, acquisition, protection, and use across the global enterprise. Troy was previously Chief Intellectual Property Counsel of Pratt & Whitney, an RTX business unit. Prior to joining RTX, Troy was a partner in the Intellectual Property Group of Thompson Hine LLP counseling clients on a broad range of intellectual property matters including litigation, licensing, transactions, and prosecution involving a full spectrum of intellectual property 2 assets. Prior to becoming an IP attorney, Troy was a research engineer and is an inventor on over 60 issued patents in technologies ranging from medical, solid oxide fuel cell, and MEMS devices, to distributed and model predictive controls, and designed and built an active materials



flight experiment carrier that flew on space shuttle Discovery (STS-60). Troy earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University and his juris doctorate from Cleveland State University. Troy is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and is a member of the New York, Connecticut, and Ohio state bars.

Jason Camp serves as Co-Chief Patent Counsel for The Procter & Gamble Company with responsibility for P&G's Fabric & Home Care, Beauty, and Health Care businesses. He has over 25 years of in-house experience leading global patent teams, including a three-year international assignment in Germany. In leading IP activities for billion-dollar global brands, Jason has particular expertise in global IP strategy (patents, trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights), IP enforcement and litigation, freedom-to-practice investigations, legal risk management, patent application drafting, patent prosecution in the US and European Patent Offices, patent oppositions in the European Patent Office, IP licensing, due diligence and patent portfolio analysis, contract negotiation, and resolving patent infringement assertions. Prior to law school, Jason worked as a product development chemist and perfumist for P&G's Fabric & Home Care business. He has a B.S. in Chemistry and Juris Doctor, both from The Ohio State University.



Chip Lutton has worked on IP and technology law issues with leading businesses such as Google, Nest, Apple, Sun and others. For the past three years, he has served as general counsel for Panasonic Well, a Silicon Valley based AI technology incubator within the global Panasonic group. Previously he was general counsel for C3.ai, an enterprise AI SaaS platform, and general counsel for Nest Labs, where he built a patent portfolio and litigation record that supported a \$3.2 billion acquisition by Google. After acquisition, Chip served as division counsel for Google's consumer hardware product area. As Chief Patent Counsel and Deputy General Counsel at Apple during the decade it launched the iPod, iPhone, and iPad, he scaled the company's annual patent filings to over 3,000 and led its acquisition of the \$4.5 billion Nortel portfolio. He was founding Executive Director of the LOT Network, a multilateral patent license now exceeding 2,000 members. He clerked at the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and has testified before Congress and administrative agencies on patent issues. Chip holds a BSEE from Rice University and a JD from Columbia University.



Stacy Fredrich is the Vice President and Chief Intellectual Property Counsel at Newell Brands, a global consumer products company that designs, manufactures, and markets a diverse portfolio of iconic brands such as Sharpie®, Rubbermaid®, Coleman®, Graco®, and Yankee Candle®. At Newell, Stacy oversees the global intellectual property team, providing strategic business counsel on IP portfolio development, enforcement, agreements, and related matters. Before joining Newell, Stacy was Director of Intellectual Property at Rheem Manufacturing Company and a partner at Eversheds Sutherland. Stacy holds degrees in Chemical Engineering and Law from the University of Notre Dame.



Dr. Reagan Charney is the Head of Intellectual Property at Arxada, a leading chemical company specializing in microbial control solutions. With global oversight of all aspects of IP-including trademarks, patents, trade secrets, and enforcement-she plays a crucial role in safeguarding innovation. In addition to her leadership at Arxada, Dr. Charney is a dedicated educator, teaching courses on Licensing IP, Design and Trade Secrets, and Trademarks at Georgia State Law School in Atlanta. She holds a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Georgia Tech, a B.S. from Texas A&M, and a law degree from Georgia State. Prior to her current role, she served as in-house counsel at Newell Brands, managing the patents and trade secrets for iconic writing 2 brands like Sharpie. Outside of work, Dr. Charney enjoys playing tennis, reading, and sharing a glass of wine with her husband David, who is a teacher, while keeping up with their three children.



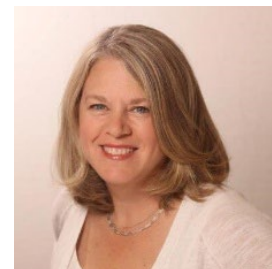
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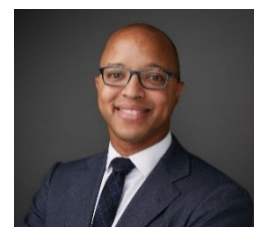
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Heidi Martinez is Deputy General Counsel and Chief Intellectual Property Counsel at Xerox, where she leads the company’s global intellectual property organization as well as legal department operations and transformation initiatives. In addition to overseeing patent, trademark, licensing, and IP strategy matters worldwide, she is responsible for providing legal support to Xerox’s global sourcing, product development, and IT organizations. Her work focuses on aligning legal and IP strategy with business objectives while driving process improvement, technology adoption, and operational modernization across the legal function. Heidi has extensive experience in patent portfolio management, complex commercial transactions, and cross-functional business counseling.



Idris McKelvey leads the Estée Lauder Companies’ Patent Group, joining in 2010, and leading the global patent team since 2018 as Vice President and Lead Patent Counsel. He focuses on advancing the team’s patent strategy through people-centered technology integration. Previously, he managed global patent portfolios across various business units at Procter & Gamble. Idris holds a J.D. and a B.S. in chemistry from Howard University. He also chairs the board of the Institute for Intellectual Property and Social Justice, and he is a proud supporter of Girls Inc. of Long Island. Idris resides in Huntington, NY, with his wife and two daughters.



Joe Drayton is a partner in the Litigation Department, co-head of the Patent law practice and a member of the Intellectual Property and Trials groups. Joe is a first-chair trial lawyer with over two decades of experience representing some of the nation’s most prominent companies in high-stakes intellectual property (IP) and complex commercial litigation. He has successfully handled matters across a broad range of industries before state and federal courts, the International Trade Commission and arbitration tribunals including the American Arbitration Association. Joe’s practice spans all areas of IP law—patent, trade secrets, copyright, trademark, trade dress and false advertising—both domestically and internationally. He also advises clients on IP acquisition, transfer, protection and enforcement strategies.



Joe has been recognized as one of the leading lawyers in his field across the United States. In addition to his IP expertise, he has a strong track record resolving complex commercial disputes, including international supplier conflicts with significant business implications. A trusted advisor to corporate executives, Joe is known for his sound judgment and leadership.

Joe is a national leader in the legal community. He recently received the United States President's Volunteer Service Award by President Joseph R. Biden for his leadership activities in the legal community. Joe also received the C. Francis Stradford Award—the National Bar Association's highest honor—for his integrity, legal excellence and lasting contributions to the profession. He served as the 76th president of the National Bar Association, is a former vice president and Board chair of the New York City Bar Association and served on the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary as the 2nd Circuit and Federal Circuit Representative, a role that included Joe providing congressional testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee at the confirmation hearings for the Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Justin Victor is a trial lawyer focusing on trade secrets litigation, corporate governance disputes, and high-stakes commercial litigation and arbitration. Mr. Victor frequently represents clients in critical, "bet-the-company" cases.



With the ability to navigate complex legal challenges, Mr. Victor has obtained temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, and permanent injunctions in both state and federal courts to protect clients against trade secret misappropriation and enforce restrictive covenants.

Mr. Victor provides strategic counsel to employers expanding their international operations. He leads efforts to design and implement employment policies, conduct proactive audits, and deliver workplace training tailored to the unique needs of global businesses.

Mr. Victor has a proven track record in assisting companies—both domestic and international—expand their operations worldwide. For example, he played a key role in launching and growing the U.S. headquarters of a UK-based sports travel agency. Additionally, he has guided U.S.-based sports agencies in establishing operations across Europe, Mexico, and the Middle East, demonstrating his ability to navigate and quarterback the complexities of international business expansion.