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Related Services

Intellectual Property • Technology • Intellectual Property Licensing Transactions • Artificial Intelligence (AI) • Trademark & Copyright • Blockchain & Digital Assets • IP & Software Licensing • Technology Transfer & Complex Licensing • IP & IT Audits and Due Diligence • Data Centers

David's work on complex transfer and licensing transactions helps his clients use technology and intellectual property to evolve the way they do business.

David Teske helps his clients exploit technology assets and intellectual property rights through complex inbound and outbound transfer and licensing transactions. His work involves patent and software licensing, supporting M&A transactions through IP portfolio diligence, establishing end-customer-facing technology licensing schemes, and counseling clients on how to establish, exploit, and maintain their IP portfolios. He represents clients of all sizes, and often represents purchasers of cloud-based services and fintech industry companies.

As co-leader of the firm's Blockchain & Distributed Ledger Technology Team, David understands and regularly assists clients with their blockchain/distributed ledger technology needs. He also helps companies with strategies for using and developing open source software, distributed computing (e.g., "anything as a service" or XaaS), and artificial intelligence (AI), and navigating the evolving legal issues in each area.

The Best Lawyers in America® named David a 2016, 2021, and 2024 "Lawyer of the Year" in Information Technology Law.

Representative Experience

- Negotiated with a nationwide grocery chain for the establishment and operation of digital coupon and loyalty programs on behalf of a digital marketing company.
- Collaborated with a multinational imaging and electronics company on the establishment of an innovative 3D-printed medical device business.
- Helped develop the program for and rollout of a global transportation and logistics provider's integration of shipping technology into ecommerce marketplaces worldwide.
- Assisted in the development of an easy-to-use electronic check program developed for business invoice payments.
- Designed the legal structure for a global transportation and logistics provider to provide its customers a multichannel data reporting service including transportation, warehousing, and accounts receivable/accounts payable.
- Negotiating a new account-to-account transfer vehicle available at ecommerce websites and physical locations on behalf of an online payments technology client.
- Advised a cutting-edge network data security company on the ingestion and use of open source software in its security solutions.
- Negotiated the licensing of cloud-hosted financial and ERP software for a national construction supply company.

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- Advising a U.S.-based telecommunications company on extending its messaging services to satellite-enabled hardware.
- Negotiating research agreements for a health care transplant technology client.
- Advising multiple clients on the adoption of blockchain/distributed ledger capabilities into their businesses.
- Assisted a dynamic remote learning company in the adoption of AI chat capabilities into its online tutoring services.
- Secured access to patented hypersonic testing methods for an aerospace industry client.

Publications & Presentations

Presentations

• "The Latest Trends and Developments in Al Regulation," Frontiers in Law and Technology, Florida State University College of Law, webinar, April 18, 2025.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® for Information Technology Law, IT Outsourcing Law, and Technology Law
- State Bar of Georgia, IP Law Section

Education

- State University of New York at Buffalo (J.D., 1993)
- State University of New York at Buffalo (B.S, 1990)

Admitted to Practice

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