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Currently the Chair of Merchant & Gould's Technology Transactions Practice Group, Greg's practice is focused on counseling clients to protect and leverage their investment in innovation. Greg has prosecuted patents and negotiated agreements relating to a variety of technologies, including: software, internet telephony, telecommunications, mechanical and sports inventions, and financial services systems.

Atlanta

Prior to joining the Merchant & Gould, Greg spent six years as General Counsel - first for an internet teleconferencing company and then for an enterprise software firm. In addition to drafting and prosecuting patent applications, Greg counseled both firms on how to protect and leverage their technologies by negotiating license, maintenance, collaboration, consulting, outsourcing, and other agreements. Greg is also experienced in patent, trademark, and trade secret litigation, patent and trademark prosecution, validity and infringement opinions, and due diligence.

Denver

Knoxville

Madison

Greg started his career as a patent examiner in the USPTO, and he worked as a patent agent before and during law school. After graduating from law school, Greg clerked for the Honorable Lewis T. Babcock, United States District Court for the District of Colorado.

Minneapolis

New York

Greg is an avid golfer, fly fisherman, and attendee at his two sons' various sporting events.

Seattle

Education

Duke University
B.S., Electrical Engineering and English, 1991

Washington DC

University of Colorado
J.D., 1996
Order of the Coif
West Book Award Winner
University of Colorado Law Review, Articles Editor, 1994-1996

Gregory D. Leibold (Continued)

Law Clerk for the Honorable Lewis T. Babcock, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of Colorado

Former United States Patent Examiner, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, Art Unit 2312

Bar Admissions

Colorado State Bar, 1996
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado, 1998
United States Patent & Trademark Office, 1992

Professional Affiliations

Licensing Executives Society
American Intellectual Property Law Association
Association of Corporate Counsel, Former Director, Colorado Chapter

Publications and Speaking Engagements

"IP Product Lifecycle," co-presenter at Colorado Association of Corporate Counsel meeting, April 21, 2011.

"Reasonable is in the Eye of the Beholder," co-presenter at GC Symposium, ACC Colorado, April 28, 2011.

Co-Author, Intellectual Property Licensing Strategies, 2011 ed. (Inside the Minds), copyright 2010, Thomson Reuters/Aspatore.

Speaker at the 7th Annual Rocky Mountain Intellectual Property and Technology Institute (May 2009).

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Speaker at ACC Colorado Lunch & CLE "Slash but don't Burn? -- Prioritizing Intellectual Property in a Recession" (April 2009).

Denver

Co-author, Initiating Licensing Discussions After Sandisk & Seagate: What Is A Patent Owner To Do?, Merchant & Gould Whitepaper: The Edge (November 2008).

Speaker at the 6th Annual Rocky Mountain Intellectual Property and Technology Institute (June 2008).

Knoxville

"New Patent Rules are Coming," co-author, Law Week Colorado (October 2007).

"Provisional Patent Rights in the United States," presentation at Licensing Executives Society Annual Meeting, Vancouver, B.C. (October 2007).

Madison

"Recent Decisions Affecting Licensing," Merchant & Gould Boardroom (March 2008).

"In Juries We Do Not Trust: Appellate Review of Patent Infringement Litigation," 67 U. Colo. L. Rev. 623 (1996).

Minneapolis

Representative Projects

- Negotiate sale of private Internet-telephony company and all intellectual property into international, publicly traded equipment provider.
- Negotiate high-value enterprise-software licenses, maintenance agreements, and professional services contracts with leading financial services companies.
- Manage prosecution of large portfolio of strategically important patent applications for leading software provider.
- Perform due diligence and evaluate impact of acquiring a company that distributes open-source code.
- Settle potential patent litigation with negotiated license for document-recognition technology.
- Manage defense of "bet-the-company" litigation relating to IP transfer and professional services,

New York

Seattle

Washington DC