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PRACTICE AREAS

- Intellectual Property

PRACTICE FOCUS

Ronald E. Karam is a principal in the firm's Intellectual Property practice group. Ron concentrates his practice on computer law, including licensing and e-commerce transactional matters and litigation of patent and copyright infringement actions, and other commercial disputes related to computer software, hardware and e-commerce. He has negotiated numerous patent licenses, software license and distribution agreements and other agreements relating to e-commerce.

From 1997 through 2001, Ron served on the University of Pennsylvania Law School faculty, teaching computer law. Before entering law school, he was a member of the technical staff at Bell Laboratories (now Lucent Technologies), where he was engaged in the research and development of microcomputer-based communications products.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Negotiated a data protection agreement for a large public school district in a transaction involving Google Apps for Education
- Defense of a software development firm in an action for infringement of a patent for a method of displaying data
- Representation of an online game company in an action for copyright infringement of its data formats
- Representation of a CAD software development firm in a copyright infringement and breach of contract action arising from the defendant's exceeding the permitted use of licensed software under an OEM software license agreement
- Representation of a gaming company in a copyright infringement and breach of contract action arising from the defendant's exceeding the permitted use of licensed software under a software license agreement
- Defense of a fence tubing manufacturer in an action arising from infringement of a patent on a configuration of barbed tape
- Representation of a supplier of medical products in an action for infringement of a patent on a prosthetic device
- Counseling of major publisher of industrial products directories on database protection issues
- Negotiation and preparation of patent and copyright license agreements and software development agreements
- Acquisition of integrated hardware and software systems
- Negotiation of numerous e-commerce agreements
- Preparation of outsourcing agreements for MIS services
- Litigation of claims arising from alleged failure of software and hardware
- Litigation and counseling of copyright infringement claims relating to computer software
- Investigations of the derivation and ownership of intellectual property rights

RECOGNITIONS

- The Best Lawyers in America for Information Technology Law, 2017-2023, and Technology Law, 2020-2023
- Lawyer of the Year, Information Technology Law, 2023

EDUCATION

- University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, J.D.
- Polytechnic University of New York, M.S.
- Polytechnic University of New York, B.S.

ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania