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George Kobayashi assists clients by reviewing and drafting various sales and distribution contracts and agreements, including licensing, dealer/distributor, sales representative, OEM, terms & condition of sale, dealer/distributor termination, equipment leasing and manufacturer escrow agreements.

As a member of the Intellectual Property & Technology Group, Mr. Kobayashi assists clients in the prosecution of trademark and copyright infringement claims and has appeared in front of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. He advises clients on issues regarding Internet law, including confidentiality, privacy policy and export control compliance issues. He reviews, drafts and negotiates website terms and conditions of use, as well as software licensing, website development, strategic alliance, hosting, linking and content agreements. Mr. Kobayashi has also presented at several seminars on intellectual property and technology legal issues, including confidentiality, trademark law and misappropriation of trade secrets.

Mr. Kobayashi's corporate experience includes the establishment of corporations, limited liability companies and joint ventures. He has assisted clients with corporate tax issues and corporate reorganizations, as well as mergers and acquisitions. He also advises clients in financial transactions, including drafting, reviewing and negotiating terms of revolving loan facilities, letters of credit, secured loan documents and promissory notes.

Mr. Kobayashi is admitted to practice in Illinois. He received his J.D. from The John Marshall Law School in 2000 and his B.S.B.A. in Finance from Creighton University in 1995. While at John Marshall Law School, he studied comparative law at Temple University Law Program in Tokyo and was an intern at a Tokyo law firm, TMI Associates, in 1999.

Prior to law school, Mr. Kobayashi worked in Tokyo as a Product Development Manager for 3Com Corporation and its predecessor US Robotics, Inc.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented foreign buyer in a multi-million dollar asset purchase of an industrial products division of an established trading company.
- Successfully defended multinational snack food manufacturer in a trademark opposition proceeding in front of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.
- Represented multinational robotics company in the development of a comprehensive confidentiality and trade secret policy.