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### Biographies

**Kasim Alfalahi**

Kasim Alfalahi is senior vice president and chief IP officer at Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson. Mr Alfalahi joined Ericsson in 1995 as a product manager of IP rights. He was particularly involved in patenting R&D related to standards. In so doing, he pioneered the concept of patents as business assets within the company.

In 1999, Mr Alfalahi was appointed director of patent licensing. In this role, which he held until taking up his current position in 2005, he was a key contributor to the transformation of Ericsson’s patenting from a limited and distributed activity into an integral part of the global business. IP rights and licensing income now attracts US$1 billion net annual revenue. Ericsson’s patent portfolio comprises more than 30,000 issued patents.

Mr Alfalahi received his MSc in engineering and management from the Linköping Institute of Technology, Sweden. He speaks Arabic, English, Spanish and Swedish.

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- **Philips IP&S**
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- **Marqera LLC**
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- Chief IP Officer

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- Deputy Director

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Robert Aronoff

Robert Aronoff is managing partner at Pluritas, a leading IP strategy and transactions firm headquartered in San Francisco, California. Mr Aronoff draws on over 25 years serving Fortune 500 companies, business strategy and technology consulting firms and leading small-cap public companies. He has worked as an executive or management consultant at Sun Microsystems (now part of Oracle), Eastman Kodak, Microsoft, Coopers & Lybrand and Peat Marwick.

Mr Aronoff also served as founding executive director of the Digital Imaging Group, an industry consortium that had the financial and technical backing of Kodak, Fuji, Canon, Intel, HP, IBM, Adobe, Agfa and Microsoft. In several of his previous positions, he was responsible for the development of product and technology strategy and related standards, as well as patent in-licensing and out-licensing. He provides his clients with deep insight into what facilitates and impedes IP asset values, in addition to strong negotiating skills and contacts.

Geoffrey Barker

Geoffrey Barker is the COO and co-founder of RPX Corporation. Prior to co-founding RPX, Mr Barker was vice president, licensing at Intellectual Ventures (IV), where he and John Amster - RPX CEO and fellow co-founder - shared responsibility for the development and licensing strategy of IV’s software portfolio. Previously, Mr Barker was founder, chairman and CEO of Vigilos, Inc, which developed a platform for controlling and managing the physical security systems of large enterprises. Before founding Vigilos, Mr Barker was co-founder and co-CEO of The Cobalt Group, and held positions in trading, research and investment banking with Kidder, Peabody & Company, Salomon Brothers Inc and Piper Jaffray Incorporated.

In June 2012 Mr Barker was a recipient of Ernst & Young’s Entrepreneur of the Year Award for Northern California. Mr Barker holds an MBA from Columbia University and a BA in economics from Tufts University.

Keith Bergelt

Keith Bergelt is the CEO of Open Invention Network (OIN), the collaborative enterprise that enables innovation in open source and an increasingly vibrant ecosystem around Linux. OIN enables and defends Linux, through both its royalty-free patent licensing programme and efforts such as Linux Defenders (www.linuxdefenders.org).

Before joining OIN, Mr Bergelt served as CEO of two hedge funds formed to unlock the considerable asset value of intellectual property in middle-market companies. He raised over US$300 million at these firms while financing IP-centric portfolio companies of leading financial sponsors.

Mr Bergelt previously served as a senior adviser to the technology investment division at Texas Pacific Group. He also headed business development, intellectual property and licensing for Cambridge Display Technology. Additionally, he established and served as general manager of the strategic intellectual asset management business unit and director of technology strategy at Motorola. He is a frequent speaker on corporate strategy, finance and IP management.

Ira Blumberg

Ira Blumberg is vice president of intellectual property at Lenovo. His responsibilities include overseeing the licensing and management of Lenovo’s patent portfolio.

Before joining Lenovo, Mr Blumberg was a licensing executive at Intellectual Ventures, focused primarily on Japan. From 2004 to 2010 he was vice president of licensing at Rambus Inc, where he negotiated, drafted and closed patent licensing deals valued in excess of US$1.5 billion. Before joining Rambus, Mr Blumberg was director of licensing at Intel, where he negotiated, drafted and closed the patent licence agreement between Intel and LG Electronics that became the basis of the US Supreme Court case Quanta Computer, Inc v LG Electronics, Inc. He also worked in private practice at Hughes Hubbard and Reed and at Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati.

Mr Blumberg has a JD from the University of Virginia and a BS and MS from the University of Pennsylvania, in applied science and computer science, respectively.

Russell Boltwood

Russell Boltwood is responsible for all operational and strategic aspects of Transpacific IP’s legal function, including oversight of the company’s internal and external legal professionals, management of general corporate and business legal matters, IP portfolio design, acquisition, licensing and monetisation strategies.

Before joining Transpacific IP, Mr Boltwood was of counsel for San Francisco-based law firm Dillingham & Murphy, LLP, where he advised large, mid-sized and emerging companies in regard to corporate, venture capital, transactional, intellectual property and business development matters, with an emphasis on China, Brazil and other emerging economies.

A member of the State Bar of California, Mr Boltwood is recognised as a Certified Licensing Executive by the Licensing Executives Society, and is the author of several published articles regarding
Jim Brelsford

Jim Brelsford is the senior vice president for IP licensing at SanDisk Corporation, a global leader in Flash memory system solutions with 2011 revenues of US$5.6 billion. SanDisk’s products include solid state drives for consumers and in the enterprise market, embedded memory in mobile phones and ultrabooks, and camera and mobile phone memory cards. SanDisk has been licensing its intellectual property for more than 10 years and generated more than US$2 billion over the past five years in licensing and royalty revenues.

Mr Brelsford also serves as the chief legal officer of SanDisk and was named the best general counsel in Silicon Valley in 2010 by the San Francisco Business Times and the San Jose Business Journal.

Crystal Chen

Crystal Chen is a partner at Tsai, Lee & Chen based in Taipei, Taiwan. She is admitted to practise in both mainland China and New York State in the United States.

Ms Chen started her IP practice in 1996. She counsels companies on IP prosecution, enforcement and cross-border dispute resolution. She has extensive experience in managing international trademark portfolios and advising on strategies for litigation and settlement negotiation in patent and trademark disputes. She is a prolific writer and speaker, and constantly provides clients with updates on IP laws and practices relating to Taiwan and China.

Ms Chen has an LLB from Taiwan and an LLM in intellectual property from the University of New Hampshire School of Law, formerly Franklin Pierce Law Centre. She serves as a committee member of the American IP Law Association and the IP Owners Association.

Campbell Chiang

Campbell Chiang is patent counsel for Qualcomm, Inc, where his current role includes supporting the Qualcomm patent department’s efforts in China.

Before joining Qualcomm in 2010, Mr Chiang was in private practice with the law firms of Perkins Coie, LLP in Menlo Park, California and Kenyon & Kenyon LLP in New York.

Mr Chiang holds a JD from Duke University School of Law (2004) and a BS in computer science and engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles (2001). He is admitted to practise in New York and California, and before the US Patent and Trademark Office.

Kenneth Choy

Kenneth Choy is a Hong Kong-based partner at Edwards Wildman Palmer. His practice focuses on helping clients to develop, protect and leverage intangible assets through portfolio building, licensing, strategic alliances, capital raising and mergers and acquisitions. He has helped companies from start-ups to multinationals to grow their intangible asset portfolio for more than 25 years.

Mr Choy graduated from San Francisco State University and obtained his law degree from Northeastern University School of Law. He is admitted as a Hong Kong solicitor and an attorney in New York and California. He has been in private practice in the United States and Hong Kong. He was a co-founder of a technology company and has served as general counsel in the United States and Asia.

Bill Coughlin

Bill Coughlin started out as an electrical engineer working in a research laboratory developing batteries for electric vehicles. He then joined Harness, Dickey & Pierce while attending law school at night.

After many years as a partner at Harness, Dickey & Pierce, Mr Coughlin joined Chrysler as its chief trademark counsel. He became chief patent counsel a year later, and worked for a while in Stuttgart for DaimlerChrysler as its IP legal chief.

Today, Mr Coughlin is president and CEO of Ford Global Technologies. As such, he is responsible for all IP matters worldwide for Ford Motor Company and its subsidiaries. He is also a member of the board of directors for the IP Owners Association and an adjunct professor at Thomas M Cooley Law School on its LLM programme for intellectual property.

Phil Davies

Phil Davies is a European patent attorney and a partner at Haseltine Lake, with broad experience across a wide range of physics and communication-based technologies. He works with clients ranging from FTSE 100 and Fortune 500 companies to innovative small and medium-sized entities, providing effective patent prosecution and strategic IP advice.

Mr Davies joined Haseltine Lake following 14 years in an in-house attorney role at QinetiQ, an associate director for several IPR management projects later, where he was responsible for delivering intellectual property protection and commercial returns through the development and management of the company’s intellectual property portfolio.
organisation formed from several UK government research labs, where he was responsible for delivering IP strategy for several business groups.

His experience extends from working with spin-out companies to managing large IP portfolios. As well as patent filing and prosecution, Mr Davies has worked on devising IP strategies, invention farming, patent landscaping, IP due diligence and IP exploitation agreements. He is a member of Haseltine Lake’s China group, focusing on IP issues relating to China.

Paul Fehlner

Paul Fehlner is head of intellectual property at Novartis Pharma. The IP team is responsible for obtaining and enforcing IP rights for Pharma’s products. The team act as “IP architects”, working to build a holistic IP portfolio. This includes patents, trademarks, regulatory exclusivities and other IP rights.

Mr Fehlner joined Novartis in 2008 from law firm Baker Botts, where he specialised in IP counselling and strategic planning in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. Mr Fehlner has over 22 years’ experience in IP law, including seven years as a partner at Darby & Darby, as well as earlier work as biotechnology counsel for Rhone-Poulence Rorer and as an associate for boutique IP firm Klauber & Jackson. He started his career as a law clerk in the biotech and pharmaceutical group at Pennie & Edmonds.

Mr Fehlner has a BS in chemistry from Haverford College, a PhD in immunology and biochemistry from the Rockefeller University and a JD from Fordham University School of Law.

John Flock

John Flock, a partner at Kenyon & Kenyon LLP and co-chair of the firm’s electrical/mechanical/computer practice, is a high-stakes patent litigator whose experience has generated professional achievement awards, accolades from Legal 500 and Benchmark and repeated American Law Journal Top Jury Verdict recognition.

Mr Flock combines more than 20 years’ patent litigation experience with nine years of service as a former New York City assistant district attorney to litigate intense legal battles arising in the most popular forums for patent litigation, including the International Trade Commission (ITC) and district courts.

Mr Flock offers his clients the best in patent litigation by drawing on his technical education, trial techniques and computer technology expertise obtained from experience designing and implementing computer systems. He recently acted as lead outside counsel for Sony Corporation against LG Electronics in five high-profile US litigations (including two ITC cases), and advises on Sony’s litigation strategy in five Asian and European countries.

Michael Friedman

Michael Friedman is a managing director at OceanTomo, the intellectual capital merchant bank® firm. Mr Friedman manages the investment practice for the firm, which includes investment banking, asset management and investment research.

In addition, Mr Friedman oversees OceanTomo’s business collaborations in China, specifically the publication of the US-China 200 IP™ Index and the development of the IP Services Center, in collaboration with a major Chinese stock exchange. The US-China 200 IP Index is the world’s first index based on the value of both US and Chinese intellectual property and is traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The IP Services Center will provide tech transfer facilitation services, including IP valuation, advisory and transaction execution.

Mr Friedman is a member of the board of directors of the Intellectual Property Exchange International, the world’s first IP-focused financial exchange, and a lecturer in law at the University of Chicago Law School.

Horacio Gutiérrez

Horacio Gutiérrez is corporate vice president and the deputy general counsel in charge of Microsoft’s worldwide IP group. In this capacity, Mr Gutiérrez is responsible for the company’s worldwide IP portfolio - including all of its patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade secrets - and for the development and execution of the company’s overall IP strategy.

Mr Gutiérrez was previously based in Paris, France, where he was Microsoft's associate general counsel for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, overseeing all legal, regulatory and government affairs matters for the region.

Mr Gutiérrez is trained and has practised law in both civil law and common law jurisdictions. He holds an LLM from Harvard Law School, which he attended as a Fulbright scholar, a JD summa cum laude from the University of Miami, and undergraduate and graduate law degrees from Universidad Católica in Caracas, Venezuela.
Ian Haney was CEO of BTG plc from 1985 to 2004 and chairman of the IP Institute from 1999 to 2011. He received his degree in mechanical sciences from Cambridge University and worked in industry before undertaking an MBA at Harvard Business School, after which he worked for the World Bank in Asia and Africa.

His current positions include co-director and course professor at Tsinghua Business School (Beijing) IP Centre; adjunct professor at Imperial College Business School, London; adviser to the Northern Technology Exchange Market, Tianjin, China; and a fellow of the University of Nottingham. He is a founding board member of the International IP Strategists Association and has served on many other international boards and advisory organisations, including as chairman of the UK government’s IP Advisory Committee (2001-2005).

He is currently involved with the development of intellectual property in China and is pressing for intellectual property to be taught as part of strategy in business school programmes globally.

Peter Holden

Peter Holden is senior vice president of investments and acquisitions for IPValue Management, Inc - a Goldman Sachs/General Atlantic-backed patent licensing company. He was previously founder and head of the IP Investment Group at Coller Capital Ltd, a private equity firm with over US$13.5 billion under management.

Mr Holden is widely recognised as a pioneer in leveraging intellectual property as a financial asset class, and in 2011 was recognised by Intellectual Asset Management magazine as one of the global top 50 most influential people in intellectual property. His experience has included senior positions at Panasonic in Japan, University Patents in Westport, Connecticut and Invisible Hand LLC in New York (a IP venture fund that he founded and led). He holds degrees from the United Kingdom and Japan, and is a senior fellow at Wharton. He has also advised the UK, Korean and US governments on technology transfer and sovereign IP fund formation.

Xiaowei Hu

Before joining Isis, Xiaowei Hu worked for the Shenzhen Institutes of Advanced Technology at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. With a background in chemistry and business management, Mr Hu has held roles in technology transfer, business development and international cooperation for four years.

He has managed a portfolio of industrial and academic partners, including Huawei, Tencent, Skyworthy, 999, Midea, ADSC, I2R and UBC. He qualified with master's degrees in educational research and international business economics from KU Leuven, and is engaged in research in technology transfer and innovative entrepreneurship.

Yuliang Huang

Yuliang Huang is a professional manager with over 15 years of management experience in the healthcare (biopharmaceutical) industry across the Pacific Rim. He has a track record in starting up businesses and managing pharmaceutical companies in the United States, Hong Kong and China, mainly in the fields of new product development and registration, marketing, sales and business development.

Dr Huang is the founder and CEO of DHY and the founder and CEO of Generon (Shanghai) Corporation, a subsidiary of DHY.

Zarif Imam

Zarif Imam joined ICEBERG Capital Partners in 2011 as head of client relations. His primary role is business development and managing the company’s key client relationships with buyers and sellers. Before joining ICEBERG, Mr Imam spent almost six years at ZTE Corporation as global head of financing with responsibility for raising capital for ZTE and its clients in the customer financing team.

From 1987 until 2006, Mr Imam worked for a number of banks in London, specialising in the telecommunications, media and technology sector. During this time he worked with the main telecommunications and technology companies globally, advising them on capital raising.

Shinji Ina

Shinji Ina is the general manager of the IP alliance and licensing department of Sony Corporation. He has decades of experience in the IP field and is currently responsible for IP strategy for electronics businesses across the entire Sony group of companies, including audiovisual, personal computing, gaming and mobile products.

Mr Ina not only has broad and extensive experience in managing bilateral transactional negotiations and patent litigations for Sony, but has also been active in leading an industry-wide effort to create new and pre-emptive structures for effectively resolving an ever-growing diverse and complex range of IP issues.
Tom Irving

Tom Irving has 36 years of experience in IP law in Finnegan’s Washington DC and Belgian offices. His practice includes due diligence, patent prosecution, reissue, re-examination, interferences and counseling (including pre-litigation), Orange Book listings of patents covering drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), infringement, enforceability, validity analysis in the chemical/pharmaceutical fields and litigation.

Mr Irving also serves as an expert witness in patent litigation and has been involved in several US district court litigations. He has also been involved in public health and safety issues related to the preparation of citizen petitions before the FDA.

Mr Irving serves as principal teacher of the Patent Resources Group (PRG) Chemical Patent Practice course. He also originated PRG’s Orange Book and Due Diligence courses. In addition to lecturing at law schools in the United States and China, Mr Irving has lectured at the Patent Office of the State IP Office of the People’s Republic of China.

Pat Kennedy

Pat Kennedy is the founder and chairman of US-based Cellport Systems. Since Cellport’s inception in 1993, the company has focused on advanced connectivity designs and secured early essential patents in the connected vehicle market. Leading vehicle suppliers such as Motorola, Continental and Harman head the list.

Mr Kennedy holds 14 patents and has led the securing of dozens of licences and partnerships catalysed by Cellport’s telematics patents. In October 2009 Mr Kennedy’s first book, IdeaJacked, was published.

Mr Kennedy has a BA in economics from the University of Buffalo and sits on several public and private boards.

Johnson Kong

Johnson Kong is the executive vice president and head of Asia-Pacific at IP.com. He has experience in intellectual property, international business and technologies.

Mr Kong is a recognised expert in the creation and implementation of IP strategies. He has assisted public and private multinational companies in creating and implementing robust IP strategies to support business goals, such as instituting best practices, overcoming market entry barriers, enhancing product and service margins, creating distribution networks, leveraging partner relationships, increasing corporate valuations and generating licensing revenue.

Mr Kong has co-chaired and been a guest speaker at numerous official IP events. He has worked with the Applied Science and Technology Research Institute, the IP Office of Singapore, the Upstate Alliance for Innovation, the State IP Office, the Korean IP Institute, the Taiwan IP Office, the Industrial Technology and Research Institute, Salzburg Global Seminar, the American IP Law Association, BusinessWeek and many others.

Al Kwok

Al Kwok is the principal IP adviser for the STARS Foundation, president of the Pearl River Delta Chapter of the Chinese American Semiconductor Professional Association, founder of China International IP Services Ltd, founder of the Guangdong-Hong Kong International Science Park Alliance Ltd and governor and founding member of the Savantas Policy Institute.

Mr Kwok has over 30 years’ experience in the semiconductor industry and has led major paradigm shifts in the semiconductor business. Mr Kwok played a critical role in laying the foundation for the IT Eva.

Since his return to Hong Kong in 2002, Mr Kwok has promoted application and service platform developments, as well as IP and innovation management in China. Mr Kwok was the co-editor of the first comprehensive international IP management training manual to be published in Chinese in China. He has a BSES and an MSEE from the University of Texas, Austin.

Michael J Lasinski

Michael Lasinski is a founder and managing director of 284 Partners, LLC, a professional services firm focused on litigation consulting, valuation analysis and client strategy. He is a recognised leader in the field of IP valuation and has testified in court on such matters. He advised the US unsecured creditors committee of Nortel through its record patent sale to the Rockstar Consortium for US$4.5 billion.

Mr Lasinski is also the immediate past president of the Licensing Executives Society (USA and Canada) (LES). He was named one of the world’s leading IP strategists in the IAM Strategy 300. He is a division chair for the IP Section of the American Bar Association and oversees the Committee on Economics. He is the former chair of the Valuation and Taxation Committee for LES and the former vice chair of the IP Owners’ Valuation and Taxation Committee.

Mr Lasinski is a certified public accountant.
Fred Logue

Fred Logue is a founder and director of New Morning Intellectual Property Limited, a specialist consulting and outsourcing firm that helps companies to build and maintain IP property operations in Ireland.

During his career in the technology and IP business, Dr Logue has held a variety of engineering and management roles with some of the world’s largest technology companies in Europe, the United States and Japan. He was a senior manager with Lucent Technology’s IP business, where he helped to establish and operate its Irish office.

Dr Logue holds a BSc in physics and maths from University College Dublin and a PhD from Trinity College Dublin. Dr Logue is also a lawyer admitted to practise as a solicitor in both Ireland and England and Wales. He is listed in the IAM Strategy 300 as one of the world’s leading IP strategists and is a member of the International IP Strategists Association and the Institute of Physics.

Terry Ludlow

Terry Ludlow is founder, chairman and CEO of Chipworks. He is a recognised pioneer in semiconductor reverse engineering and was among the first to realise its value for IP groups.

Mr Ludlow founded Chipworks in 1992 to offer semiconductor and microelectronics system reverse engineering services and patent infringement analysis to companies involved in licensing negotiations and litigations. As CEO, he continues to provide the strategy, vision and driving force that have earned Chipworks its position as the premier source of knowledge of what is inside technology.

Daniel P McCurdy

Daniel McCurdy is CEO of Allied Security Trust, responsible for management of the trust, patent acquisitions and divestitures, and membership expansion. He remains chairman of PatentFreedom, the online global authority on non-practising entities.

From 2001 to 2008 Mr McCurdy was founding CEO of ThinkFire, an IP advisory firm to many of the world’s leading technology companies and private equity firms. Before that, from 2000 to 2001 he was president of Lucent Technologies’ IP business, managing 300 employees and US$500 million in annual revenues.

Prior to Lucent, he served as founding vice president of IBM’s life sciences business unit and vice president of corporate development for Ciena Corporation, where he was responsible for mergers and acquisitions. From 1982 to 1997 Mr McCurdy held a variety of business and IP management roles in IBM.

Mr McCurdy received his BA summa cum laude from the University of North Carolina.

Lisa McFall

Lisa McFall is a co-founder and managing director of Ovidian Group, LLC. She has wide expertise in all facets of strategic IP risk management, along with patent acquisition, monetisation and enforcement.

Before joining Ovidian, Ms McFall served as vice president and associate general counsel at Yahoo! She managed Yahoo!’s extensive docket of IP litigation matters, as well as a variety of operational functions and complex transactional matters.

Prior to 2004, Ms McFall spent 10 years litigating patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret cases at Brown & Bain and Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. Ms McFall received her JD with honours from the University of Wisconsin School of Law, where she was managing editor of the Law Review and president of the Moot Court Board. Ms McFall received her BA in international relations from Stanford University, where she focused on US-Soviet civil/military relations.

Mike McLean

Mike McLean is vice president IP rights and professional services at UBM TechInsights and has held the same role at Semiconductor Insights since March 2008. He previously held a series of progressively senior positions with the company. Since joining the company in 1996, he has held technical and management posts, including vice president IPinsights, director of intellectual property, patent analyst, IP account manager and IP operations manager.

Mr McLean led the creation of the patent development business unit within Semiconductor Insights. He has also worked extensively with the technology practices of major law firms, the in-house corporate counsel teams of key technology companies and external licensing agencies.

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Ruud Peters

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He joined Philips IP&S in 1977, and became director responsible for licensing in 1990. He participated in standards bodies such as the International Organisation for Standardisation and the European Telecommunications Standards Institute, where he was active in the formulation of IP policies.

Currently, Philips IP&S has around 400 people working in 11 countries around the world.

Mr Peters is also a board member of three technology, IP licensing and trading companies. He has a background in physics. He was inducted into the IP Hall of Fame in 2010.

Guy Proulx

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