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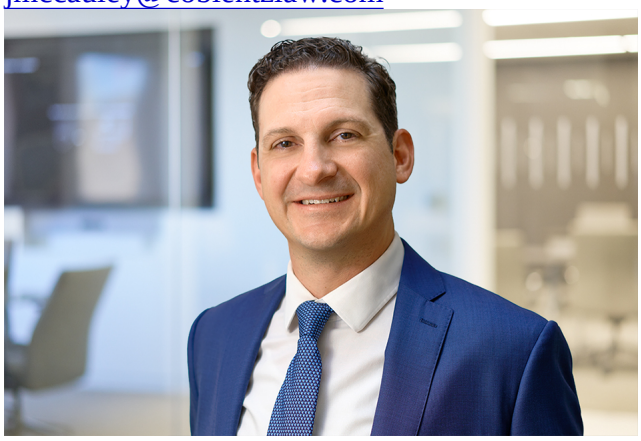

John McCauley helps clients navigate business and intellectual property disputes. Over more than a decade in private practice and as in-house counsel, he has guided technology companies, startups, and established businesses through complex litigation in federal and state courts, before the International Trade Commission, and in arbitration forums.

John's practice focuses on protecting clients' innovations, resolving commercial conflicts, and managing risk when business relationships break down. He has handled matters involving trade secrets, licensing disputes, contract claims, employment issues, and other technology-driven controversies across industries ranging from software and AI to life sciences and consumer products.

He has managed global litigation portfolios, negotiated critical commercial agreements, and advised business leaders on strategy in high-stakes disputes. His career spans roles at leading international law firms and as in-house counsel, giving him a perspective that balances aggressive advocacy with practical business insight.

John formerly served as Associate General Counsel of Via Licensing Alliance LLC, a subsidiary of Dolby Labs. He also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Garland Burrell in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California and to the Honorable James Ware in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

John is an active member of The Olympic Club, serving on the Athletic Committee as secretary and as part of subcommittees focusing on strategic planning, finance, and budgeting. He also served as volunteer services co-chair for the 2025 U.S. Amateur Championship and will have an active role as a co-chair for the 2028 PGA Championship.

John earned his J.D. from Santa Clara University School of Law in 2010. He received his B.S. from Penn State University in 2007.

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