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BIOGRAPHY

Jack Russo is the founding partner in the Palo Alto law firms of Computerlaw Group LLP and of Russo & Hale LLP (www.computerlaw.com). The firm's focus is in representing entrepreneurs and early and growth stage companies in the protection of their ideas, inventions, and businesses. The firm specializes in the areas of Internet, e-commerce, software and other intellectual property protection, infringement, and licensing.

Mr. Russo originated some of the early thinking on IP protection of the "look and feel" of computer software and he has been involved in a number of software cases. His 1985 article, Copyright in the "Look and Feel" of Computer Software published in The Computer Lawyer pioneers the subject.

Mr. Russo is a member of the State Bars of California, New York, and Washington, D.C. He holds his JD from UCLA School of Law as well as dual M.B.A. degrees from Columbia University and from UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business; he also holds a joint Bachelor's and Master's degree from City University of New York in Urban Administration and Computer & Information Science. Before becoming an attorney, Mr. Russo worked full-time as a computer programmer and software analyst in New York.

Mr. Russo is a Judge Pro Temp for the Santa Clara Superior Court and an Arbitrator and a Mediator for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California as well as for the American Arbitration Association. He has an active alternative dispute resolution practice and has acted as a neutral in over 100 cases in many diverse intellectual property and business law cases in the federal and state civil litigation contexts.

Mr. Russo is a frequent speaker and has presented often to the ABA, PLI, and Computer Law Association; he is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Creativity in Dispute Resolution, a non-profit organized to assist in the research and study of resolutions of complex multi-party disputes in the federal and state courts nationally as well as internationally. Mr. Russo has been repeatedly named as a SuperLawyer by that prestigious organization (www.superlawyers.com). More information about Mr. Russo and his firm can be found at www.computerlaw.com.

EXPERIENCE

Computerlaw Group LLP

Founding Partner
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2010 – Present
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Russo & Hale LLP

Founding Partner
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1985 – 2009
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Fenwick & West

Attorney at Law
Palo Alto, CA
1980 – 1985
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EDUCATION

UCLA School of Law, J.D., 1980, Order of the Coif.

Columbia University, M.B.A. (Beta Gamma Sigma honors)

University of California at Berkeley, Haas Business School M.B.A. (Management of Technology)

City University of New York, Brooklyn College, B.A., M.A. 1977.

Joint Degree in Urban Management and Computer and Information Science (Magna Cum Laude)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association (Section on Intellectual Property)

Computer Law Association

National Institute of Trial Advocacy

American Inns of Court (San Francisco Intellectual Property)

Chairman, Foundation for Creativity in Dispute Resolution

HONORS

Judge *Pro Tempore*, Santa Clara Superior Court

Arbitrator/Mediator, U.S. District Court (N.D. California)

Arbitrator/Mediator, American Arbitration Association

Adjunct Professor, University of Santa Clara (Santa Clara, CA)

Adjunct Professor, American Business School (Athens, Greece)

Chair, ABA Subcommittee on Computer Software & Trade Secrets

BAR ADMISSIONS

United States Supreme Court
Federal Circuit Court of Appeals
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

State of California
State of New York
District of Columbia
State of Washington
State of Oregon
State of Hawaii

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, "Protection of Computer Software After the Copyright Act of 1980," *Law & Business*, 1981
- "Pre-Trial and Discovery in a Software Marketing Dispute," *Law and Business*, 1982
- "Copyright Law and Computer Software Disputes," *Practising Law Institute*, 1983
- "Microcomputer Software Marketing Agreement Disputes," *Practising Law Institute*, 1985
- "Copyright in the Look and Feel of Computer Software," *The Computer Lawyer*, February, 1985.
- Co-Author: "The Impact of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act on California Trade Secret Law," *Trade Secret Law Reporter*, May, 1985
- "Software Copyright Protection," *5 Software Publisher's Association News* 3-4 (No. 1 January 1988)
- "Developments in Copyright Protection of Computer Software," *2 International Computer Law Adviser* 9-12 (No. 4 January 1988)
- "Recent Developments in the Copyright Protection of the Look and Feel of Computer Software: Apple Computer v. Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard," *6 Software Protection* 1-15 (No. 10 March 1988)
- "Copyright Protection of Virtual Reality," *ABA Science and Technology* 1992
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- Co-Author, "Software 'Look and Feel' Protection in the 1990's," *15 Hastings Communications and Entertainment Law Journal* 571-603 (1993)
- Co-Author, "The Law of Virtual Reality," *3 Computer Software* Ch. 18 (1994)
- "Liability on the Internet," *San Francisco Intellectual Property Association* (March, 1995).
- Co-Author, "The Law of the Internet in California," *National Business Institute* (2001).
- Co-Author, "The Law of the Internet in the United States," *National Business Institute* (2007).
- Co-Author, "Intellectual Property Law Update," *National Business Institute* (2008).
- Co-Author, "Inventors & Their Innovations," *National Business Institute* (2008).