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Eric Evans is a dynamic and tenacious lawyer with broad experience in complex commercial litigation matters. He is also a thought leader on integration of generative AI tools into legal practice, both in-house and among outside counsel. He represents innovative companies in trade secret cases and large-scale federal false advertising, privacy, and antitrust class actions. Eric also helps leading technology companies navigate complex data and information governance issues, including the use of generative AI tools in their businesses. He leverages a prior career in information technology to provide advice on design and defensibility of machine learning systems, information governance, privacy, and cybersecurity.

Prior to joining the firm, Eric was a litigation partner in the Palo Alto, California office of an international law firm where he concentrated his practice on complex litigation technology companies' business-critical machine learning systems. Previously, Eric was a partner in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice at a global white-shoe law firm where he concentrated his practice on complex litigation and intellectual property matters.

Eric maintains an active pro bono practice and has represented clients in high-profile voter suppression matters, as well as in a successful class action that brought relief to victims of the Trump administration's travel ban that disproportionately affected Muslim families. His flagship pro bono project is establishing the public domain status of the works of Ahmad Shamlou, the most prominent post in Persian of the twentieth century, allowing for the publication of a comprehensive collection of his works in English.

While attending University of Michigan Law School, Eric was Contributing Editor for the *Michigan Law Review* and Executive Note Editor for the *Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review*.

Before he went to law school, Eric was associate director of instructional technology at Denison University, where he lived through the dot-com boom as Denison's Digital Millennium Copyright Act agent. In that role, he also enforced and redrafted the university's Acceptable Use Policy for Network Resources during the Napster era.

Eric speaks Arabic and French and has some skill in Persian and Turkish.

Education

University of Michigan Law School J.D. (2004) *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*

Harvard University A.M., Middle Eastern Studies (1998)

Harvard University A.B., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (1993) *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*

Admissions

California (2004)

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

Professional & Community Activities

University of Jordan, Fulbright Scholar, Arabic and History (1993-1994)

Insights

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