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Jason's practice focuses on technology law, advising clients on large-scale and mission-critical information technology (IT) transactions.

These include:

- software licence agreements
- software support and maintenance or development agreements
- professional services agreements
- hardware purchase agreements
- source code escrow agreements
- data access agreements
- distribution agreements
- consulting and outsourcing agreements

Jason also focuses on health informatics, working on clinical IT transactions and IT information agreements for healthcare providers.

Jason's patent practice is focused on IT technologies and computer-related technologies, as well as software technology and business methods. He drafts, files and prosecutes patent applications internationally, conducts patentability searches and prepares patentability, validity and infringement opinions.

Jason also drafts and negotiates IP and technology agreements or IP portions of agreements for large commercial and securities transactions.

Jason is a lawyer, patent agent and trademark agent. He is also a Certified Licensing Professional (CLP).

Prior to becoming a lawyer, Jason consulted, worked and taught in the IT, computer, software and Internet fields, and taught university-level computer courses.

Within BLG, Jason is National Business Leader of our Intellectual Property Group and the regional leader of the IT Group.

Experience

- Drafts, negotiates and advises clients on IT agreements and information system agreements for vital computer and software systems.
- Advises health organizations on multi-million-dollar IT-, IS- and IT-project-related agreements for clinical, hospital and non-clinical systems.
- Advises clients on significant IT and business-processing outsourcing arrangements in the areas of payroll, HR, financial services and managed services.
- Drafted and negotiated an Energy Management System (EMS) agreement for a client in the energy industry.
- Acted as IP lead lawyer for a \$2.7 billion transaction involving international IP assets.
- Led an IP due diligence team for a \$250 million purchase of software assets from a leading simulation software company.
- Drafted, prosecuted and maintained numerous international patent portfolios for clients.

Insights & Events

- Some Key Elements of a Trade Secret License
- Unique Trade Secret License Agreement Features
- Presenter, "IP Agreements with Employees and Contractors - Common Pitfalls," BLG Employment Law Mini Symposium, May 11, 2016.
- Speaker, "IP Agreements with Employers and Contractors: Common Pitfalls," BLG Employment Law Mini Symposium, May 2016

Beyond our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, IT.Can (Canadian IT Law Association)
- Fellow, Intellectual Property Institute of Canada
- Member, Licensing Executive Society
- Member, Canadian Bar Association (CBA), Alberta Branch; Member, CBA Alberta South, Intellectual Property/Technology Section
- Past Member, BLG Professional Committee
- Project Sponsor, BLG's cutting-edge BLG U program, a Web portal that is first of its kind in Canada, allowing BLG's professionals and clients to access videos to meet their CLE requirements.

Community Involvement

- Led the Calgary office's United Way campaign for many years and developed an effective campaign blueprint for his successors.
- Has been involved with many charitable organizations, including cancer research and the MS Society.
- Provides pro bono advice in IP- and IT-related matters. Assisted a health group requiring a review of terms related to the sale of software developed in-house and associated IP matters.
- Instructed the Legal Education Society of Alberta's Bar admission course on IP, and was treasurer and secretary for Southern Alberta's CBA young lawyers' and IP sections.

Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized in the 2019 edition of *Best Lawyers in Canada* (Information Technology Law).

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2000
- LLB, University of Alberta, 1999,
- B.Admin (With Distinction) in Corporate Finance, University of Regina, 1996,

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