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Practices

Corporate
Entrepreneurial Ventures
Intellectual Property
Mergers and Acquisitions
Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity
Trademark Licensing and Strategy

Industries

FOCUS: Technology
Health Information Privacy and Security

Education

JD, University of Pennsylvania Law School
AB, University of Michigan, *with distinction*

Community Involvements

America-Israel Chamber of Commerce,
Board of Directors
The Chicago Bar Association

Leonard Ferber helps technology developers, manufacturers and other technology-focused businesses accomplish their core missions: developing, manufacturing, distributing and licensing their products and services. With a primary goal of getting deals done, he focuses on the most critical issues: intellectual property ownership and rights and the proper allocation of business risks vs. rewards. Having represented his share of technology "consumers," Len understands both sides' perspectives and knows where the compromises can be made.

A broad perspective on the tech industry's legal needs

As co-head of Katten's technology and IP transactions practice, Len has represented manufacturers and distributors of products of all kinds. He brings this experience to companies developing and distributing tech-based solutions and adopting advanced manufacturing processes. His clients include early-stage and mature software and other technology companies and consulting firms, including businesses distributing technology using software-as-a-service and platform-as-a-service business models as well as those seeking to leverage their data collection capabilities. He also represents a number of large commercial companies contracting for technology products and services.

Len is active in Chicago's technology community. Len has spoken on tech-related subjects before legal and industry groups, including the Illinois Technology Association, the Technology Executives Club, Association of Technology Acquisition Professionals and Association of Corporate Counsel.

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News

- Katten Assists in Farasis Energy's Restructuring, Listing on SSE STAR Market and Its Strategic Cooperation With Daimler (July 20, 2020)
- Katten Hosts North America-Israel Biotech Conference in Chicago (April 22, 2013)

Publications

- Force Majeure: A Practical Perspective for Commercial Relationships (April 13, 2020)
- The Court of Justice of the European Union Sinks the Safe Harbor Program (October 7, 2015)
- Privacy Policies 2.0: Making Disclosures More Meaningful (November 12, 2014)
- FTC Settles With Businesses Who Allegedly Misrepresented US-EU Safe Harbor Certification (February 5, 2014)
- California Mandates More Transparency: Time to Update Your Privacy Policy (November 26, 2013)
- "California Does It Again! Recommends Best Practices for the Mobile App Industry," *NY Business Law Journal* (May 1, 2013)
- California Does It Again! (February 11, 2013)
- Privacy Policies Now a Must for Mobile Apps (January 2, 2013)
- 2009 Year-End Intellectual Property Issues Advisory (December 2009)
- HHS Issues Security Breach Notice Rule (August 31, 2009)
- "Scope of Use and Restrictions; Source Code Access and Escrows," *The Computer Law Companion*, Computer Law Association

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Presentations and Events

- Here for GOOD: Israel Tech and Social Impact (July 28, 2020) | *Moderator*
- Data Security: The Technology Company Perspective (November 30, 2016) | *Presenter*
- Second Annual Intellectual Property Symposium (November 5, 2015) | *Presenter* | *Financial, Auditing, and Operational Considerations in IP Agreements and Royalty Audits*
- ITA Security Symposium (May 13, 2014) | *Panelist* | *Securing Big Data*
- What to Expect When You're . . . Negotiating Your Own Contracts (January 15, 2014) | *Speaker*
- The Future of Healthcare: How Technology Is Enabling New Models of Healthcare Delivery (July 16, 2013) | *Panelist*
- The Intersection of Education and Technology: Do We Finally Have the Tools to Save Education? (February 28, 2013) | *Panelist*
- Collaboration: Unlocking the Value of Social Technologies (October 23, 2012) | *Panelist*
- Big Data: In the Future There Will Be No Software Companies—Only "Data" Companies (June 7, 2012) | *Presenter*
- 2nd Annual U.S.-Israel Healthcare Innovation Conference: Advances in Imaging and Radiology (November 29, 2011) | *Panelist* | *Healthcare Equity & Investment*
- IT Trends Forecast: 2009 (December 11, 2008) | *Speaker* | *Legally Speaking: Key Decisions that will Impact Your Business in 2009*
- IT Trends Forecast: 2008 (December 12, 2007) | *Presenter* | *Getting Technology Deals Done in 2008: A Lawyer's Perspective*

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- IT Governance and Business Process Alignment (October 26, 2006) |
*Presenter | Keeping Your Focus: Maintaining the Principles of IT
Governance While Contracting With Vendors*