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Joshua Song structures patent prosecution strategies for technology companies building IP portfolios in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and mobile applications—turning complex innovations into durable, defensible patent protection.

Joshua prosecutes patents for technology clients whose innovations live at the cutting edge of software, artificial intelligence (AI), and machine learning (ML). Where many patent attorneys work from a distance from the underlying technology, Joshua brings firsthand engineering experience to every application he drafts—meaning he can engage directly with inventors, ask the right technical questions, and write claims that accurately capture what makes an innovation distinctive.

Joshua's practice centers on patent prosecution and portfolio strategy before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). He works with clients to develop forward-thinking filing strategies that align patent protection with business objectives, and he emphasizes clear, precise communication throughout the prosecution process so that clients always understand where their applications stand and why.

Additionally, a significant portion of Josh's practice includes software copyright work, particularly work related to open-source licenses for open-source software (OSS) and data. This includes proprietary software repositories to assess risks and compliance with OSS license requirements, advising and drafting corporate internal OSS use policies, and conducting software copyright and patent diligence for M&A deals and IPOs.

His publication on AI liability and algorithmic fairness reflects a genuine interest in the legal and policy questions emerging from the technologies he helps protect. That perspective informs how Joshua thinks about claim scope and portfolio positioning for clients operating in rapidly evolving technical fields.

Education

- University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 2023)
- University of Michigan (B.S.E., Computer Science and Engineering, 2017)

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Select Experience

- Supports patent portfolio development for a pioneering autonomous aviation and drone technology company, drafting and prosecuting patent applications related to unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) systems, software, and electrical engineering technologies that underpin commercial delivery and logistics platforms.
- Reviews and assesses research publications for a global technology company, helping identify and mitigate intellectual property, copyright, open-source software, privacy, biometric data, and artificial intelligence-related risks associated with emerging AI, AR/VR, software, and hardware technologies.
- Drafts and prosecutes patent applications for a multinational entertainment and media company, supporting patent protection efforts for innovations involving artificial intelligence, augmented and virtual reality systems, audio technologies, software platforms, and signal processing technologies.

Accolades

- Consistently providing *pro bono* legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's *Pro Bono* program
- 2023 Michigan Technology Law Review Notes Competition, Winner
- 2016 National Institute on Drug Abuse Challenges Program, 2nd Place

Languages

- English
- Mandarin

Legal Writings

- *Formalizing Fairness: Statistical Measures of Parity for Recidivism Prediction Instruments*, 2024
- *Degrees of Confidence as a Legal Tool to Assess AI System Liability*, 2022