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Joe Capraro guides intellectual property owners on how best to develop and strategically protect their IP assets. Joe, a partner in the Firm's Patent Law and Intellectual Property Groups, leads the patent and trademark prosecution and technology licensing groups.

Over the course of his 25+ year career, Joe has developed broad experience in the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights, managing intellectual property assets, working closely with the patent office to build valuable patent and trademark portfolios for U.S. and global clients. He aggressively pursues patent and trademark protection on behalf of his clients in technology fields often crowded with existing patents and publications.

Joe delivers clients practical legal advice across the entire spectrum of intellectual property areas, from strategic portfolio development, patent and trademark prosecution and technology licensing, to intellectual property due diligence in corporate transactions and intellectual property litigation support. In addition, he provides freedom-to-operate analyses and patent clearance opinions, leads the Firm's IPR and post-grant proceedings practice, performs pre-litigation patent reviews, conducts IP due diligence on corporate transactions, and negotiates IP licenses and agreements.

Joe spends much of his time working with private and public emerging technology

companies as well as technology start-ups that have product offerings in the engineering arts, with particular emphasis on plasma devices, semiconductor equipment, analytical science solutions, power supplies, medical lasers, image processing devices, optical components, medical devices, alternative energy technologies, financial services, multimedia, software and telecommunications. His clients have included Hypertherm, Inc., MKS Instruments, Inc., Heliuss Medical Technologies, Inc., Energetiq Technologies, Inc., Transamerica Capital Management, and Earth Networks Inc.

Recognized in *Chambers USA*, Joe is praised for his “fabulous breadth of knowledge and practicality” and “his excellent strategic advice on portfolios and patent prosecutions.” Clients say Joe “is a business-minded lawyer with knowledge of both corporate and IP issues. He provides practical advice suitable for today’s business climate. He is dependable and a straight-shooter.” Joe is a founder and contributing editor of Proskauer’s [New England IP Blog](#). In addition, Joe is an adjunct Professor at Boston College Law School.

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Practices

False Advertising & Trademark, Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Non-Compete & Trade Secrets

Industries

Health Care, Life Sciences, Technology, Media & Telecommunications

Education

Suffolk University Law School, J.D., 1993

cum laude

Tufts University, B.S., 1985

magna cum laude

Admissions & Qualifications

Massachusetts

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court, Massachusetts

Memberships

Massachusetts Bar Association

Boston Patent Law Association

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

Licensing Executive Society

Awards & Recognition

Chambers USA: Massachusetts: Intellectual Property 2005-2019

IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Practitioners 2012-2018

Best Lawyers in America 2016-2020

Managing Intellectual Property IP STARS – Massachusetts 2013, 2017

Massachusetts Super Lawyers 2010-2014, 2016-2018

New England Super Lawyers 2010-2011

Acritas Star Lawyer 2018