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AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

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- Commercial Agreements
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EDUCATION

- LL.M., with Honors, in Commercial and Corporate Law from the University of

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

André has focused his entire professional career on advanced technology, with the last two decades specializing in the global semiconductor sector, including photomasks, flip chip ball grid arrays, radiation hardened computer chips, and semiconductor Electronic Design Automation software. His professional work includes both large law firm, partner-level experience with the business, executive, and technical experience that comes with serving as the first General Counsel for both a technology startup and an established technology business. He draws extensively upon that experience while serving as the Outside General Counsel for technology companies that range from startups to multinational corporations.

London, Queen Mary & Westfield College.

- J.D., with honors, from the University of Texas School of Law and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He was the Chief Articles and Notes Editor of the Texas International Law Journal.
- Masters in Public Affairs, with Highest Honors, from The University of Texas L.B.J. School of Public Affairs, where he ranked first in his class.
- Fulbright Scholarship to perform research in Krakow, Poland. He also studied on a scholarship for a year at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich, Germany.
- B.A. from Georgetown University, magna cum laude. While at Georgetown University, he was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society and selected as a Baker Scholar.

ARTICLES WRITTEN & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

André has given numerous presentations to professional organizations about legal and business issues regarding technology and intellectual property. He has authored many articles, including:

- André Brunel, "Hiring Partners Should Consider In-Housers"

In his Outside General Counsel role, André has managed the full gamut of legal challenges faced by multinational semiconductor companies with facilities in the United States, Europe, and Asia. Such challenges include the Trusted Foundry Program sponsored by the Defense Microelectronics Activity (DMEA) within the Department of Defense, export controls (EAR and ITAR) and embargoes (OFAC), Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) clearance with a National Security Agreement, litigation before the Supreme Court of a foreign nation, complex foreign intragroup services agreements, bankruptcy claims sales, import duty suspension lobbying, tariff risk management, foreign corporate malfeasance investigations, disputes over patent standards adopted by an industry trade group, foreign labor union contract negotiations, foreign multiparty joint ventures, labor disputes, transfer pricing, tax abatement, corporate board matters, mergers and acquisitions, marketing communications, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, patent and trademark portfolio management, RIFs, trade secret compliance programs, crisis management and public relations, open source software, executive compensation, ethics compliance, corporate privacy policies, employee benefits, annual audit letters, domestic antitrust and E.U. competition analysis, real estate leases, insurance litigation, starting up, expanding, and winding down foreign facilities, and E.U. privacy compliance, including GDPR.

André formerly served as General Counsel and Business Development for Pinpoint Insight, Inc., a start-up developer of cutting-edge software to manage large-scale electronic document reviews in complex litigation. He also served as General Counsel and Senior Vice President of Creditor Relations and Public Affairs of The Ballenger Group, LLC, a business

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- Marc Shivers & André Brunel, "Contractual Limitations of Liability (a/k/a "LOLs," or Why the Other Party is Laughing Out Loud)," 19:5 Computer & Internet Lawyer 6, May 2002.
- André Brunel & Greg Sapire, "Beyond Banners: Restructuring Portal Advertising Deals," 2:6 Internet Law & Business 485, April 2001.
- André Brunel, "Crown Jewels of the Internet; Trademark Rights Overshadow Copyrights on the Web," 16:27 Texas Lawyer 29, September 18, 2000

process outsourcing and technology services company.

André was also previously a Partner in the Outsourcing and Technology Section of Hughes & Luce LLP (now K&L Gates LLP) in its Austin office. He also previously worked in the Intellectual Property Work Group at Irell & Manella, LLP in its Los Angeles office.

Admitted to the State Bars of Texas and California.