



## Marius Domokos

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Marius Domokos splits his practice between electronic commerce, banking, and advanced technologies, and provides integrated counselling across a broad range of commercial, intellectual property, technology, regulatory and corporate issues.

With an electrical engineering background and experience working inside both large public corporations and fast-growing startups, Marius acts as a trusted advisor to corporate boards, executive management, sales teams and entrepreneurs for a broad range of legal, strategic, operational and business issues.

Marius has deep experience in the commerce and financial industries, including in the areas of payments, omnichannel commerce, digital coupons, digital offers, advertisement, data analytics and monetization, gift cards, prepaid accounts, credit, instalment payments, subscriptions, collections, ACH, SWIFT, privacy, financial compliance (including the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard, or PCI DSS, EMV payments standard, point-of-sale compliance, card networks rules and regulations, chargebacks, Regulation E and Regulation Z issues and other financial regulations), blockchain architecture and applications, and cryptocurrencies and tokenization.

Marius also has a deep understanding of software, hardware, communication networks (including wireless and wireline protocols and technologies), artificial intelligence (AI) and neural networks, cloud architecture, computing platforms (including SAAS, PAAS, IAAS, client and edge computing), mobile phone technology, APIs, data encryption and security, advanced computing, clean energy (including electric infrastructure, battery technologies and automotive applications), autonomous vehicles, semiconductors (including chip design, manufacturing and metrology/inspection), computer-aided design (CAD), flash memory and controllers, electronic design automation (EDA), open source, signal processing, data compression, medical technology, DNA screening, food safety, pathogen tracing and workplace safety, geosynchronous and mobile satellites, satellite communications, and nanotechnology.

Marius' legal practice areas cover a full range of commercial, regulatory, intellectual property and corporate issues. These include complex commercial transactions, technology licensing, global deployment of complex technologies and business models, data security and privacy compliance (including GDPR issues), government contracts, international operations (including corporate formation and acquisitions in Europe, APAC and the Middle East), high-stakes litigation and dispute resolution, complex settlement agreements, strategic patent portfolio development, patent assertions and defense, complex patent cross licenses, developing and leveraging patent portfolios and multi-layered IP strategies, patent transactions (including patent valuation, sales, purchases and brokerage transactions), reverse engineering, revenue recognition in both SaaS and traditional business models, GAAP compliance, business development, early- and late-stage fundraising, corporate restructuring, Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 bankruptcy, M&A and IPOs (including due diligence and structuring and negotiating merger and ancillary agreements), employment issues and Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX) and SEC compliance.

- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Technology Transactions and Strategic Sourcing

Marius works with both small companies and global enterprises, from early entrepreneurial initiatives to fast-growing startups to international conglomerates. He has represented or worked across the table with many of the leading payment processors in the US and abroad, payment gateway providers, independent sales organizations (ISOs), merchant payment processing acquirers, business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumer (B2C) financial services providers, financial institutions, vertically-integrated ecosystem technology companies, hardware vendors and distributors, media conglomerates, security companies, telecom device and equipment manufacturers, wireless carriers, telecom providers, and governmental agencies (including US and European national security agencies).

Marius has a strong understanding of corporate operations and business dynamics, which he developed while directly managing a variety of corporate groups and functions inside fast-growing private companies, including business development, corporate development, fundraising, shareholder relations, operations, channel and reseller programs, finance, recruiting and HR. As a result, he brings an effective and integrated counseling approach to his clients, which enables companies to make decisions faster and remain focused on business.

Marius previously acted as general counsel for Shocking Technologies, Revel Systems (acquired by Welsh Carson), Vindicia (acquired by Amdocs), Tray/Vendsy and Leap Motion. Prior to that, he managed various corporate legal functions for Intel and KLA-Tencor.

Marius has spoken at a variety of legal and industry events, including at annual conferences in the payments industry held by Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Deutsche Bank, Barclays, Credit Suisse and Goldman Sachs.

While studying for his undergraduate and graduate EE degrees, Marius worked as an academic intern for NASA at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and as a systems engineer in the satellite group of Hughes Space and Communications.

In his spare time, Marius has mentored elementary school and high school robotics team competing in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) and the First Robotics Competition (FRC) and has built with his kids a number of electric cars and bikes that may have too much power to be street legal.

## CREDENTIALS

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### Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

### Education

- J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law
- B.S. & M.S., Electrical Engineering, University of Southern California

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

- The Financial Stability Board Report on Stablecoins – implications for the international regulation of cryptocurrencies and other cryptoassets, 23 April 2020
- Marius has published and spoken on patent ecosystems across various industries, artificial intelligence (AI), liability and risk mitigation through corporate insurance, data monetization, SAAS strategies, subscription programs, credit card rules and regulations, commercial chain management, startup funding and effective scaling, company founder strategies, shareholder issues and corporate control and regulatory issues in the e-commerce and banking spaces.