



## Gary A. Hecker

### Partner Intellectual Property

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### At a Glance

#### Trusted Leader

Gary is the managing partner of the Los Angeles office and part of the firm's technology/ intellectual property law group.

#### High Profile Clients

Gary has represented companies founded by industry luminaries such as Steve Jobs, Steven Spielberg, Mark Burnett, and Maria Shriver.

#### Respected Legal Authority

Gary testified twice on behalf of Apple Computer, Inc. before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations for the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Gary A. Hecker is the co-managing partner of MWM's Los Angeles office and a member of the intellectual property group. Gary is one of the nation's leading IP attorneys and is recognized for his diverse experience in all aspects of IP law, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, rights of publicity, entertainment, internet and computer law, unfair competition, and trade secrets.**

Gary's practice includes IP litigation and prosecution, IP counseling, and IP transactions. He serves as both plaintiff and defense litigation counsel in legal actions in U.S. Federal District Courts, state courts, the U.S. International Trade Commission, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Gary has been involved in protecting IP for his clients since the early days of the PC. He has designed and implemented IP and patent programs for Fortune 1000 companies, Silicon Valley pioneers, and new venture startups. Gary has represented the companies of industry luminaries including Steve Jobs, Steven Spielberg, Sheldon Adelson, Ray Noorda, Dan Bricklin, Ed Catmull, Mark Burnett, and Maria Shriver. He has helped businesses large and small develop and exploit their valuable IP.

Prior to joining MWM, Gary established The Hecker Law Group in 1988 and served as the founding partner.

## **Focus Areas**

Copyrights

Cannabis

Patent Litigation

IP Audits & Legal Opinions

Entertainment & Digital Media

Patents

IP Portfolio Management & Counseling

Internet

Technology Transactions

IP Due Diligence

Trademark

## **Education**

University of San Diego School of Law, JD, 1981

University of Rhode Island, BS, 1977

Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics

## **Associations & Memberships**

- State Bar of California
- Registered U.S. Patent Attorney

## **Honors & Awards**

- Top 100 Lawyers 2022-2024 – Los Angeles Business Journal
- Lifetime Achievement Honor – Top 100 Lawyers, Los Angeles Business Journal 2024
- Best Lawyers in America, Woodward White, Inc.  
2021-2023
- Leaders in Law, Intellectual Property  
Los Angeles Business Journal, 2019
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review  
Rated in Martindale-Hubbell

## **Bar Admissions**

California, 1981

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California