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Prior to Microsoft, Micky served for 13 years as Vice President of Intellectual Property Strategy at Qualcomm in San Diego, California. There, Micky was responsible for establishing the company's 4G patent portfolio as well as intellectual property aspects of Qualcomm's mergers and acquisitions practice. As part of his time with Qualcomm, Micky was based in Munich, Germany where he managed the company's patent opposition practice.

Micky holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from Marquette University ('89), an MS in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University ('93) and a JD and LLM from the University of New Hampshire ('97), where he continues to work as the Director of Intellectual Property.

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