

Calfee's Information Technology (IT) practice is one of the largest and most experienced in the Great Lakes region. We employ a multi-disciplinary team of Intellectual Property, Commercial, Corporate Finance, and Litigation attorneys to provide clients with the counsel they need in a rapidly changing information age. Calfee has worked with IT clients ranging from start-ups to Fortune 100 companies, vendors and buyers, and "New Economy" and "Old Economy" enterprises. We provide all legal services needed to create, protect, market, transfer, and use IT assets and services, and to resolve related disputes.

Our attorneys draft and negotiate contracts and counsel clients regarding all types of IT transactions including software development, licensing, and hosting. Our attorneys assist clients with the legal ramifications of doing business on the Internet -- drafting and negotiating on-line contracts and agreements for developers, customers and proprietors. Drawing upon the experience of attorneys in Calfee's Intellectual Property, Corporate, Tax, Commercial Finance and International groups, our IT attorneys counsel clients on applicable state, federal and foreign laws in areas such as export regulation, advertising, privacy, HIPAA compliance, and jurisdiction. We represent clients regarding all forms of intellectual property in IT including patents, copyrights, domain names, and trademarks.

Our IT practice provides sophisticated advice to a wide variety of businesses on corporate organization and capital formation issues such as choice of entity, private and public financing alternatives, joint ventures and partnerships, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, and our experience in IT-related dispute resolution ranges from intellectual property claims to system performance disputes in mediation, arbitration and litigation.

Representative Experience

IT Transactions

- > Software development and consulting agreements
- > Software licensing and maintenance agreements
- > Hosting, ASP and outsourcing agreements

E-Business

- > Website agreements and terms of use
- > Privacy policies
- > Regulatory compliance
- > Digital marketplaces

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IT-related Dispute Resolution

- > Hardware and software performance
- > Proprietary rights
- > Domain names and trademarks
- > Internet disputes, including linking, automated data mining, defamation, and spamming

Corporate Organization and Capital Formation

- > Public offerings, including IPOs
- > Securities transactions and compliance issues
- > Venture capital
- > Choice of entity
- > Corporate governance
- > Joint ventures
- > Mergers, acquisitions and divestitures

Intellectual Property in IT

- > Patents, including hardware, software and business methods
- > Copyrights
- > Trademarks
- > Trade secrets
- > Domain names