

## Intellectual property attorney James P. Muraff joins Chicago office of McDonald Hopkins LLC



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**CHICAGO** – James P. Muraff has joined the McDonald Hopkins LLC as a member in the firm’s Chicago office, where he will bring more than 25 years of experience to the firm’s Intellectual Property Department.

“Jim is a great addition to our firm,” said David Cupar, chair of McDonald Hopkins’ Intellectual Property Department. “He is a strategic intellectual property advisor who will help our clients develop and protect the value of their global IP portfolios.”

Muraff’s practice encompasses all components of intellectual property – domestic and foreign patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets – with a primary focus on businesses seeking market penetration and growth in the use of computer software, hardware, electronics, automation, and internet technologies.

A registered patent attorney, Muraff is highly experienced in patent clearance and patentability counseling, as well as patent application preparation and prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He regularly advises clients concerning corporate transactions, licenses and transfers related to various components of their intellectual property portfolios. Muraff also has extensive experience enforcing and defending clients’ intellectual property rights in litigation involving numerous technologies before federal courts across the country.

Before starting his legal career, Muraff obtained valuable industry experience as a software engineer and systems analyst. He gained insight into the vital business considerations and needs of companies that develop and market high-tech software and hardware products. His practical and legal background enables him to serve as a reliable business and legal advisor who develops cost-effective and competition-focused strategies to achieve their objectives.

Muraff is an adjunct faculty member of the University of Illinois at Chicago - John Marshall Law School, where he teaches substantive patent law and introductory intellectual property law classes. He also teaches Chinese patent examiners and re-examiners, as well as groups of Chinese IP attorneys, U.S. patent law topics within a program he helped create through The John Marshall Law School Chinese IP Resource Center.

Muraff has been listed with Best Lawyers and Chambers for patent law for several years. He has served on the board of managers and various committees of IPLAC and acted as the Vice President of the IPLAC Educational Foundation. He has also sat on the AIPLA Quarterly Journal Editorial Board. He has also been a judge for the History Channel’s Modern Marvels Invent Now Challenge.

Muraff earned his J.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago - John Marshall Law School in 1994 and his B.S. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in

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