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Dr. Causevic is a Managing Director and Co-Head of Houlihan Lokey's Tech+IP Advisory practice.

Dr. Causevic was formerly the founder and CEO of Black Stone IP, a boutique investment bank focused on valuing and trading Tech+IP assets, which was acquired by Houlihan Lokey in 2017. Prior to Black Stone, he was instrumental in the MIPS semiconductors \$350 million patent transaction while he served as the Head of IP Strategy Practice at Ocean Tomo. Before Ocean Tomo, Dr. Causevic founded several industrial, medical, and high-tech businesses, raising over \$50 million in premier venture capital, two of which were ultimately acquired by Fortune 500 companies.

Dr. Causevic is a named inventor on more than 20 patents and patent applications, and was a J.W. Gibbs Assistant Professor of Applied Mathematics at Yale University.

Dr. Causevic holds a B.S., an M.S., and a Doctor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis, and a J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.



Michael “Mike” Hawes

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Michael Hawes is an intellectual property partner. Clients rely on Michael to assist them in disputes and protect them from future disputes. He handles negotiations and cases dealing with patent and copyright infringement, trade secret misappropriation, antitrust violations and violation of the intellectual property provisions of employment agreements.

His intellectual property litigation experience started as a law clerk to the Honorable William C. Bryson of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C. and then grew into a practice including all phases of litigation planning, discovery strategy, and preparation and execution of trial. He has argued several cases before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, including appeals from both the Patent Office and District Courts.

Quarterly Index of Federal Circuit Cases

Since serving as a Federal Circuit clerk, Mr. Hawes has monitored that court's precedential opinions and prepares a deeply outlined index by subject matter (invalidity, infringement, claim construction, etc.) of relevant legal points - in order to assist clients seeking to identify recent law relevant to a particular problem.