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Bernard Chao joined the University of Denver after practicing law in Silicon Valley for almost twenty years. During that time, he took on several different roles. At the law firms of Wilson, Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati and Pennie & Edmonds, Professor Chao represented technology companies in high stakes patent litigations across the country. As Vice President of Legal Strategy at Covad Communications (the first national DSL carrier), Professor Chao worked on a broad range of issues as Covad grew from a startup to a public company with thousands of employees. Later Professor Chao founded his own firm, Chao Hadidi Stark & Barker LLP, which continues to provide strategic patent counseling to both established technology companies and startups. From 2007 to 2013, Professor Chao also served as a court appointed Special Master in the largest group of patent cases in the United States, *In Re Katz Interactive Call Processing Patent Litigation*.

Drawing on his industry experience, Professor Chao's writings seek to apply a theoretical understanding of the law to relevant real world problems. Some of the issues he has tackled include: the rules for determining when software is patent eligible, remedies for lawsuits involving multicomponent products, jury heuristics in technology cases, the extraterritorial reach of U.S. patent law (particularly as applied to the semiconductor industry), and transparency in patent litigation.