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Michael G. Rhodes is a litigation partner in the Cooley San Francisco and San Diego offices. Mr. Rhodes is Chair of the Firm's national Litigation Department. He has served on the Firm's Management Committee since 2004.

Mr. Rhodes represents technology and Internet companies in matters involving patents, copyrights, trade secrets, and trademarks for clients such as **eBay, Nintendo, Facebook, Google, NVIDIA, HortonWorks, Wikimedia Foundation, Mutual Pharmaceuticals, Shoe Dazzle** and **LinkedIn**. He is co-chair of the Firm's Internet practice and speaks publicly on matters ranging from social media law to the Communications Decency Act Section 230 safe harbor for interactive web companies. *E.g., Gentry v. eBay* (2002) 99 Cal.App.4th 816.

Mr. Rhodes also has a leading privacy practice, currently handling multiple privacy class actions for **Facebook, Google, Time, Conde' Nast, Soundbite, The Weather Channel, LinkedIn, Sony, Living Social, HTC, Provide Commerce, Clearspring** and **Medialets**. He also has an extensive class action practice outside the privacy area, involving ecommerce, Internet advertising, copyrights, consumer rights, online payment processing, the California Auction Act, the California Credit Card Act and RICO.

Mr. Rhodes also represents venture capital funds in all manner of disputes and litigation, serving as the Chair of the Firm's Venture Capital Litigation practice group and frequently speaking at venture capital trade groups on litigation trends affecting the industry.

The following are some of his recent matters:

- **IP Litigation:** successfully tried **Facebook's** first jury trial, *Leader v. Facebook* (D. Del), receiving a jury verdict invalidating the patent-in-suit.
- **Investment Litigation:** led the successful trial team on behalf of **eBay** in the *eBay v. craigslist* case in which Chancellor William B. Chandler, III of the Delaware Court of Chancery found that craigslist directors Jim Buckmaster and Craig Newmark "breached their fiduciary duties" to eBay by implementing provisions (including a poison pill) aimed at diluting eBay's stake to 24.9% from 28.4%, and hindering its ability to sell that stake to a third party (C.A. No. 3705-CC, September 9, 2010.).



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- **Shareholder Litigation:** represented **eBay** in an earlier Delaware Court of Chancery case involving corporate governance. *In re eBay Inc. Shareholders Litigation*, 2004 WL 253521 (Court of Chancery of Delaware 2004).
- **Privacy Litigation:** lead counsel for **Facebook** in the Facebook-Beacon privacy class action settlement approved by the federal district court in Spring 2010, which drew extensive national media coverage.
- **Venture Capital Litigation:** led a team which secured the dismissal of a suit against **Softbank Asia Investment Funds** for the alleged wrongful expulsion of one of its claimed partners.

In 2011 and 2012, Mr. Rhodes was named to the list of the Top 100 Lawyers in California by *The Daily Journal*. In 2010, Mr. Rhodes was one of 16 lawyers named as an attorney of the year by The Recorder for high-profile achievements in court. He was also recognized individually, among others in Cooley's litigation department, in *Benchmark Litigation Legal Guide* as a Litigation Star, which noted that Cooley litigators "were incredibly strong and provided very insightful guidance." From 2007-2012, he has been named to the *Best Lawyers in America* in the categories of Technology Law and Derivative Litigation for Los Angeles and San Diego and named to the *San Diego Super Lawyers* list in the category of Business Litigation.

Education

- Loyola Law School
JD, 1984, With honors
- University of California, Los Angeles
BA History, 1980

Court Admissions

- All California State Courts
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California

Admissions

- California

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- San Diego County Bar Association

Professional Affiliations

- Board of Editors of "The Internet Newsletter"

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