



## Mary Lou Wakimura

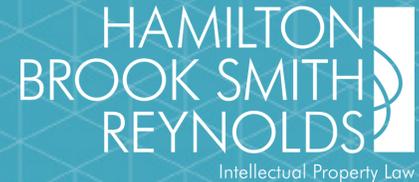
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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Patents
- Design Patents
- Copyrights
- Open Source Software Counseling
- Licensing
- Counseling
- Trade Secrets
- IP Intelligence and Audits

### TECHNOLOGIES

- Computer Software
- Computer Hardware
- Electrical Engineering
- Mobile
- Network Infrastructure
- Mechanical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Artificial Intelligence
- Bioinformatics
- Blockchain
- Telecommunications
- Medical Devices
- Internet of Things
- Clean Technology

For over 40 years, Mary Lou has assisted clients with patent preparation and prosecution, copyright registration, and portfolio management. Mary Lou's approach with clients is to learn their business goals and then strengthen their positions in their industry by developing strong intellectual property strategies.

She has particular experience with computer-related technologies and systems relating to imaging, video applications, mobile applications, machine learning, various platforms (cloud based, SaaS), virtual currency, solid modeling, simulations and mathematical models. Mary Lou's expertise spans to medical systems, bio/chemical analyses and processing including bioinformatics and medical diagnostics, alternative energy. Additionally her patenting expertise includes social networks and associated operations, and electro-mechanical matters, with and without a software component.

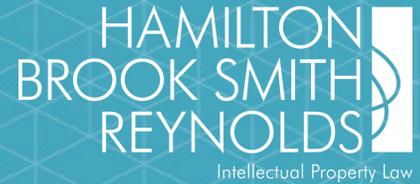
Mary Lou's practice also includes preparing infringement opinions and conducting due diligence directed to computer and software technologies. She advises on open source software licenses and other software licensing agreements. For example, she reviews or prepares IP License Agreements with ongoing software development, End User License Agreements (EULAs), Field Service Agreements for software installed on specific equipment, and Software Developer/Consultant Agreements.

Mary Lou is a software engineer with experience in numerous programming languages, data analyses, and software/application design. She is familiar with various data structures, compression/ decompression techniques, encryption technology, blockchain, digital signal processing, artificial intelligence/neural networks, machine learning, pattern matching, bioinformatics, video gaming, and computer network/Internet technology.

Mary Lou's work in patenting technology spans many technology innovations and leading companies in their fields. For Lotus Development Corporation, Mary Lou developed one of the early spreadsheet patents in that industry. Working with Digital Equipment Corporation, she procured one of the earlier patents on fonts for printer applications that became critical in their business. Mary Lou has worked on patents for technologies such as an artificial pancreas for diabetics and educational systems for autistic children. She also obtained patents for some of the first speech-to-text translation technologies.

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## EDUCATION

- University of Colorado, B.S. in Applied Math and Computer Engineering
- University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law, J.D.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts
- Boston Intellectual Property Law Association (BIPLA)
- served as co-chair of Diversity & Inclusion Committee in 2022
- Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society

Mary Lou's patent prosecution work includes prosecuting a U.S. patent on Fast Face Detection by Viola-Jones, which is an authority in the digital image processing field, and prosecuting early U.S. patents for the Alta Vista search engine, which was the precursor of the Google search engine.

Outside of the firm, Mary Lou has contributed to the Boston Intellectual Property Law Association (BIPLA), Licensing Executive Society (LES), the Asian American Law Association of Massachusetts (AALAM) and various start-up accelerator programs. She has been an active supporter of the MIT Enterprise forum by mentoring start-ups and giving patent presentations to numerous audiences at MIT. Mary Lou is a volunteer presenter and member-supporter of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. Mary Lou presented at the Association of University Technology Manager (AUTM) conferences in 2016 and 2017. She is a frequent speaker on the topic of the benefits of patents in an Open Source environment. Mary Lou enjoys the opportunity to speak at local events that show the roles women can play in business careers. She has spoken to many Girl Scout Groups, school groups, and women's groups.

Since 2018, Mary Lou has received distinction in The Best Lawyers in America® for her patent law expertise. Since 2021, she has also been ranked by Super Lawyers®, a rating of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Mary Lou Wakimura was selected as a Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly 2023 and 2025 Intellectual Property "Go To Lawyer" Honoree. In 2023, she also received recognition in Law.com and Connecticut Law Tribune's inaugural New England Legal Awards, which celebrates professional excellence in law and community impact in Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

## ARTICLES

- Representation and Warranty Provisions in Technology Transfer: The Open-Source Software Snare, *American Bar Association Business Law Today*, September 15, 2025
- Intellectual Property Due Diligence: Review of Patent Ownership and Title, *American Bar Association Business Law Today*, March 25, 2025
- Open Source Software Solutions (Part 3): Educating your Employees about Open Source Software Issues, Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds, December 2, 2016/October 4, 2016

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Massachusetts

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Black Duck Certified Open Source Legal Professional

## ARTICLES (CONTINUED)

- Open Source Software Solutions (Part 2): Understanding Open Source Software License Trigger Points and Resulting Obligations, Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds, October 28, 2016
- Open Source Software Solutions (Part 1): Getting to Know the Open Source Software in Your Products, Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds,

## IP NEWS ALERTS

- What AI Companies Can Learn from Anthropic's \$1.5 Billion Proposed Class Action Settlement . . . and the Judge's Preliminary Rejection of It, September 18, 2025
- USPTO Delays the Planned Non-DOCX Filing Surcharge Fee Yet Again, March 31, 2023
- April 2023 Brings Changes in Form and Format at the USPTO, March 23, 2023
- Supreme Court Limits Copyright Protection for Software, April 8, 2021
- The Transition is Over: Evaluating Your Trademark and Design Portfolios in the EU and UK Now That BREXIT is Official, January 11, 2021
- Court Rules That Design Patent Scope Can Be Limited By Prosecution History, Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds Alert, January 17, 2014
- U.S. Supreme Court Copyright Non-Infringement Ruling Results in Global Expansion of the First-Sale Defense, Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds Alert, April 3, 2013

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Open-Source AI in the GenAI Era: Legal Risks, Compliance, and Commercial Use," Moderator/Speaker, HBSR Webinar, October 16, 2025
- "The Secret to GenAI and Trade Secrets," Speaker, Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds webinar, October 17, 2024
- "Open Source Software (OSS) Risks in M&A," Speaker, Boston Bar Association Webinar, October 2, 2024
- "Lean in on Generative AI: Latest Trends and Developments," Speaker, Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds webinar, August 22, 2024
- "Generative AI: A Gold Mine for Accelerated Development or a Risk of Copyright Infringement?" Speaker, Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds webinar, March 6, 2024

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- Mary Lou interviewed for MDG Boston's video cast series "MedTech Masterminds," February 2, 2024
- "Startup Funding for Medical and Healthcare Innovations," Medical Development Group of Boston Forum, October 12, 2023
- "Getting from Here to There - Advancing Your Sustainability Solution," UMass Lowell iHub, September 19, 2023
- "Strategic Patent Protection for Medical Innovation," Medical Development Group Forum, October 20, 2022
- "Introduction to Careers in IP Law," Boston College Law School and Boston Patent Law Association, October 18, 2022
- "Patenting Strategies for Entrepreneurs," UMass Lowell Innovation Hub, October 4, 2022
- "Managing Open Source to Maximize Opportunity and Minimize Risk," UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law Reunion Weekend, October 1, 2021
- "AI and Precision Medicine: IP and Licensing Opportunities," AUTM Webinar, October 29, 2020
- "The Future of Blockchain Technologies," Roundtable Discussion at the LES Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, October 22, 2019
- "Hot Topics in IP and Technology: Open Source Software," UNH Wildcatalyst Seminar Series, Durham, NH, September 26, 2019
- "Intellectual Property Considerations for Protecting Your Company's Innovations," MIT Enterprise Forum, Cambridge Innovation Center, March 6, 2019
- "AI and Precision Medicine: Growing IP Licenses and Assets," AUTM Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, February 11, 2019
- "Strategies to Reap the Benefits of Software Patents in an Open Source Software Environment" Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds Webcast, March 29, 2018
- "Strategies to Reap the Benefits of Software Patents in an Open Source Software Environment" 2017 Black Duck FLIGHT Conference, Boston, MA, November 8, 2017
- "Innovating Outside the Patent: Copyrights, Trademarks and Software" Association of University Technology Managers' (AUTM) Eastern Region Meeting, Boston, MA, October 3, 2017
- "Which U.S. Patent Applications Are Getting Granted," Association of University Technology Managers' (AUTM) Eastern Region Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 29, 2016