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PARTNER

EDUCATION

University of California, Davis
School of Law
J.D. (Order of the Coif) 2013

Carnegie Mellon University,
School of Computer Science
Knowledge Discovery and
Data Mining
M.S. 2004

Tsinghua University (Beijing)
Computer Science and
Technology
B.Eng. 2001

INDUSTRIES

AI, Machine Learning & Robotics
Software & Internet
Telecommunications

PRACTICES

Patent
IP Agreements & Licensing
Strategic Counseling

BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington
United States Patent
and Trademark Office

BACKGROUND

Yiheng focuses his practice on patent procurement, prosecution, licensing and strategic intellectual property portfolio management in software and other computer-related matters. Prior to joining Seed IP, Yiheng was an attorney at a large IP boutique, and at an international general practice firm. He received a B.Eng. in Computer Science and Technology from Tsinghua University (2001) and a M.S. in Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining from Carnegie Mellon University, School of Computer Science (2004). He holds a J.D. from University of California, Davis School of Law (2013) where he received multiple Witkin Awards for Academic Excellence.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Witkin Award for Academic Excellence in Contracts
- Witkin Award for Academic Excellence in Patent Law
- Witkin Award for Academic Excellence in Patent Prosecution and Practice
- Siebel Scholar Class of 2003

EXPERIENCE

Yiheng counsels clients on a wide array of intellectual property matters, including patent prosecution strategies, technology landscape surveys, and freedom-to-operate and infringement analyses. He has drafted numerous utility patent applications relating to a plethora of complex technologies, including cloud computing, computer networks, machine learning, data mining, image processing, computer vision, light detection and ranging (LiDAR), unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR), and computer numerical control (CNC) machines. He also has earned experience in telecommunications, social networks, computer gaming, data storage, e-commerce and wearable electronics.

Yiheng's international work includes coordinating patent application filings and advising on patent prosecution from around the world, including the European Union, Japan, Canada, Australia, China, Singapore and Mexico. He has also prepared and prosecuted a number of trademark and design patent applications.

Yiheng is fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

AFFILIATIONS

Yiheng is admitted to the Washington State Bar and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He is a member of the Washington State Patent Law Association.