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legal expertise

Corporate practice with an emphasis on shareholder disputes, mergers and acquisitions, representation of non-profit associations, representation before regulatory agencies, and contractual negotiations.

representative matters

- Formation of several major security alarm and integration companies.
- Lead counsel in acquisition of one of the largest security alarm companies in the United States.
- Authored California alarm licensing law.
- Worked with many municipalities and states to develop licensing and standards.
- Served as counsel to many buyers and sellers in some of the largest and smallest acquisitions in the security-related industries.

honors & awards

- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Finance Law (2016-2020)
- Recipient of the George R. Lippert Memorial Award from the Security Industry Association for exemplary service to the security industry
- Inducted into the SSI Hall of Fame for distinguished industry service to the electronic security industry
- Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award from the California Alarm Association for service to the security industry

practice areas

corporate & business transactions
capital markets & securities
china practice
corporate governance
early-stage private company financing
general corporate law
mergers & acquisitions
specialties
security alarm & monitoring technology

admissions

California, 1957
U.S. Supreme Court, 1973

education

University of Southern California Gould School of Law, J.D., 1956
Northwestern University, B.S., 1953

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- Southern California *Super Lawyers* (2004-2007)
- AV® Preeminent™ Rating, Martindale-Hubbell

professional, business and civic affiliations

- Chair, MSK China Practice
- Co-Chair, MSK Homeland Security & Regulatory Practice
- General Counsel, California Alarm Association
- Chair, LAEDC World Trade Committee, World Trade Center of Los Angeles and Long Beach
- Board Member, Security Industry Association
- Board of Governors, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation
- Board Member, State Capital Group
- Central Station Alarm Association
- USC Alumni Association
- Legion Lex
- Shakespeare Center of Los Angeles
- Founder, LA Music Center
- Metropolitan Opera Guild, New York
- Member of Advisory Board, UCLA Friends of English

headlines

MSK Client Stealth Monitoring Announces Equity Investment from Twin Point Capital
September 23, 2019

27 MSK Attorneys Named Among *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2020
August 15, 2019

The Best Lawyers in America® 2019 Recognizes 24 Attorneys from MSK
August 15, 2018

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MSK Represents StockCross Financial Services, Inc. in Sale of Shares to tZERO
February 15, 2018

The Best Lawyers in America© 2018 Recognizes 24 Attorneys from Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP
August 15, 2017

The Best Lawyers in America© 2017 Recognizes 22 Attorneys from Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp
August 22, 2016

media mentions

Les Gold Featured on *Mottek On Money*
September 14, 2019

Les Gold and Tony Adler Mentioned in *Security Sales*
August 8, 2018

23 Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp Attorneys Featured in *Best Lawyers*
August 2015

Les Gold was quoted in *Security Sales & Integration*
June 2015

Les Gold Quoted in *Security Sales & Integration*
June 4, 2015

Gold Discusses Surge in Security Company M&As with *The Daily Deal*
April 15, 2010

Les Gold Interviewed by *Law360*
February 17, 2010

Les Gold Quoted in *Security Systems News*
December 22, 2009

MSK Represents SAFE Security
April 21, 2009

Les Gold Notes Importance of Appellate Reversal of ADT v. Synnex
September 10, 2007



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publications

Do I Really Want to Sell My Security Company?
SDM Magazine, March 5, 2019

Gold Explores Ramifications of Indiana Decision on Security Systems Industry
Security Distributing & Marketing, April 2010

Contributing Legal Columnist, "Security & the Law," *SDM* magazine, a national trade publication for the security industry

Frequent contributor to trade magazines

Authored treatise on residential security

client alerts

Steps to Take Now to Avoid the EB-5 Dragnet
November 10, 2016

events & speaking engagements

Forum on Film Finance, Production & Distribution
February 9, 2020

The MSSP Model Changes Everything! Are You Ready?
March 11, 2019

Monitoring and The Home: Embracing Change and Creating Value
October 26, 2018

Finding Your Next Great Employee: The Importance of Succession Planning!
March 13, 2018

Security: Your Contract and Potential Liability
September 6, 2017

Security: Your Contract and Potential Liability
September 14, 2016

The Business of Technology: Everything but the Solution
March 15, 2016

Follow the Money: RMR, Valuations & Lending
October 28, 2015

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Your Security Customer Contract: Learn the Risks & Liabilities

October 14, 2015

Exit Strategy: Maximize the Return

May 24, 2010

A Review of Critical M&A Issues

March 7, 2008

Homeland Security Briefing

June 20, 2007

Frequent speaker at International Security Conference, Central Station Alarm Association, Security Industry Association, California Alarm Association, and other industry associations on mergers and acquisitions and legal liabilities