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legal expertise

James D. Berkley is Special Counsel in Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp's Litigation Practice Group. Jim's practice focuses on civil litigation with an emphasis on copyright, trademark, and related matters involving music, film and television, video games, and online content.

Prior to his admission to the California Bar, Jim worked as a non-attorney in MSK's intellectual property and litigation practice areas, where from 2007 he held the title of Senior Research Analyst. In that role, Jim specialized in case-specific factual research and analysis, contributing to successful MSK teams on a wide variety of matters.

Jim has a distinctive background that informs his practice, including a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from UCLA, positions as a researcher and case writer at Harvard Business School, and research work involving technology and contemporary society. Jim passed the July 2022 California Bar Examination after qualifying through the State Bar of California's Law Office Study program. Jim brings his prior experiences to his role as attorney, and delivers unique value based on his diverse skill set.

media mentions

MSK Highlighted in *Law360* for Representation in Grand Theft Auto IP Suit
Law360, August 27, 2025

Marc Mayer and MSK Team Highlighted in *Law360* for Activision Client Win
Law360, May 28, 2024

client alerts

The Copyright Office Report on AI and Fair Use: A Generative Controversy
MSK Client Alert, May 20, 2025

practice areas

intellectual property
entertainment & ip
litigation
litigation
commercial litigation

admissions

California
U.S. District Court
Central District of California
Northern District of California
Eastern District of California
Southern District of
California
Northern District of Illinois
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth
Circuit

education

University of California, Los
Angeles, Ph.D., 2003

Williams College, B.A. 1990,
magna cum laude, *Phi Beta
Kappa*

State Bar of California Law
Office Study Program, 2022

languages

French



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Federal Court Issues Preliminary Injunction Against California's Recently Enacted Internet Child-Protection Law
MSK Client Alert, September 25, 2023

D.C. Federal Court Says Copyright Office Properly Denied Registration to Artwork Claimed to Be Generated by Artificial Intelligence
MSK Client Alert, August 21, 2023

Copyright Office Offers New Guidance for Registering Works Using AI-Generated Materials
MSK Client Alert, March 16, 2023