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MSK Partner **Mark Humphrey** was quoted in the article, "Open AI didn't copy Scarlett Johansson's voice for ChatGPT, records show," published by *The Washington Post* on May 22, 2024 and "Scarlett Johansson's OpenAI clash is just the start of legal wrangles over artificial intelligence," published by *The Guardian* on May 27, 2024.

The articles discuss Scarlett Johansson's allegations against OpenAI for allegedly copying her voice without consent for use in ChatGPT, despite her refusal to license it.

From The Washington Post article...

"But Mark Humphrey, a partner and intellectual property lawyer at Mitchell, Silberberg and Knupp, said any potential jury probably would have to assess whether Sky's voice is identifiable as Johansson's.

Several factors go against OpenAI, he said, namely Altman's tweet and his outreach to Johansson in September and May. 'It just begs the question: It's like, if you use a different person, there was no intent for it to sound like Scarlett Johansson. Why are you reaching out to her two days before?' he said. 'That would have to be explained.'"

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From The Guardian Article...

"Mark Humphrey, a partner at the law firm Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp, said Johansson had 'some favourable facts' such as the "her" post and the fact

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OpenAI approached her again shortly before the launch.

'If everything OpenAI has claimed is true, and there was no intent for Sky to sound like Ms Johansson, why was OpenAI still trying to negotiate with her at the 11th hour?' However, Humphrey added that he had spoken to people who thought Sky did not sound like Johansson."

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