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With over 47 years of legal experience representing high-technology clients and an extensive background in computer technology, Michael Scott is considered a "pioneer" in the field of high-technology law and public policy. A former member of Southwestern's adjunct faculty whose affiliation with the law school dates back to 1976, he joined the full-time faculty in 2003. Professor Scott feels strongly that "it is extremely important to help law students become truly conversant in those areas of technology, law, business and public policy they will need to be effective leaders of the 21st Century."

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As a partner in the law firm of Perkins Coie LLP, Professor Scott's areas of practice included intellectual property law; domestic and international licensing; technology law; and litigation for all types of businesses, from tech start-ups to Fortune 500 companies. He is the author of six books on intellectual property, computer, multimedia, internet, and telecommunications law, and has published and presented hundreds of papers on related topics at symposia around the world.

A member of the board of editors of the *UCLA-Alaska Law Review* during law school, Professor Scott is currently editor-in-chief of *The Cyberspace Lawyer*. He also serves on the advisory boards or as a correspondent for Argentine, Dutch, British and American publications on law and technology, and was formerly co-chair of the California State Bar's Intellectual Property Section, Computer/Internet Roundtable.

Courses

- [Cyberlaw](#)
- [Drafting Technology Agreements](#)
- [Entertainment Law and Web 2.0](#)
- [Entertainment Law Blog](#)
- [Information Privacy Law](#)
- [IP Licensing in the Entertainment Industry](#)
- [IP Licensing: Law & Practice](#)
- [Patent Law](#)
- [SCALE: Copyright](#)
- [Torts](#)

Publications

Books and Chapters

SCOTT ON MULTIMEDIA LAW (Wolters Kluwer 3d ed. 2008-) (Aspen 2d ed. 1998-2006) (1st ed. Law & Business 1993-94) (updated semi-annually)

SCOTT ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAW (Wolters Kluwer 3d ed. 2007-) (previous title "Scott on Computer Law") (updated semi-annually)

NEGOTIATING AND DRAFTING TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTS (2006-2021) (Casebook)

SCOTT ON OUTSOURCING LAW & PRACTICE (Wolters Kluwer 2006)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & LICENSING LAW DESK REFERENCE (Aspen 2001-2005)

INTERNET & HIGH-TECHNOLOGY LAW DESK REFERENCE (Aspen 1999-2007)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW DESK REFERENCE (Aspen 2003, 2004)

SCOTT ON COMPUTER LAW (Aspen 2d ed. 1992-2006) (Wiley Law 1st ed. 1984)

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