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Speaker: Regulatory



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Pre-September 20th, 2016 regulations

- Federal regulations: nearly non-existent
 - NHTSA Levels 0 4 (May 30, 2013)
 - NHTSA Regulatory Tools:
 - Change Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards: Burdensome and Long
 - Grant Exemptions to Manufacturers to Avoid Regulations: Powerful but Susceptible to Change, Limited Scope (Google Letter)
 - Issue Interpretations to Clarify Current Standards: Temporary and Advisory (Google Letter)
- State regulations: a non-uniform patchwork
 - Less than 10 states have regulated in this area
 - Most regulations only address testing and apply to manufacturers
 - Many require a driver to be able to take over in an emergency
 - Many limit autonomous vehicles to certain geographical areas



The regulatory problem

- For manufacturers and inventors to design, build, and create the next generation of transportation system in the US, a clear regulatory framework is required.
- Cannot be so overbearing as to stifle innovation but also cannot be so unsubstantial as to fail to guide manufacturers around potential liability.
- Problem compounded by federalism
 - State Regulatory Patchwork creates problems with crossing state lines.
 - Uniform Federal Standard could restrict a state's ability to draft and implement novel legislation.



A potential solution: 2016 NHTSA Policy

- On September 20, 2016, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued a 116-page, comprehensive new autonomous vehicle policy, to be updated annually.
- The Policy provides for:
 - New Levels of Automation: Society of Automotive Engineers Levels 0-5
 - A 15-point Vehicle Performance Guidance for Automated Vehicles outlines industry best practices and federal expectations for the testing and development of autonomous vehicles;
 - Ex: Data Recording and Sharing
 - A Model State Policy as a guide for states to follow;
 - Ex: Human Drivers required at SAE Level 0-3, not at 4, 5
 - A Commitment to continue to use current regulatory tools to aid autonomous vehicle development: Interpretations, exemptions, notice-and-comment rulemaking, etc.
 - A Promise to identify and implement novel regulatory tools to better aid autonomous vehicle development.



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Cross-cutting regulatory impact

- Advent of autonomous vehicles will impact regulations outside of the regulatory sphere traditionally associated with cars
 - Telecommunications
- Fully autonomous cars will be "connected." How?
 - Wireless V2V Vehicle Communications
- FCC:
 - Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC): 75 MHz band of 5.9 GHz Spectrum, allocated for use by Intelligent Transportations Systems (ITS)



Looking ahead: regulatory impact

- There is much to be done:
 - A non-uniform patchwork of state regulations still exist;
 - Over 40 states have yet to issue regulations; and
 - The Federal Motor Vehicle Standards have not changed.

The development of advanced automated vehicle safety technologies, including fully self-driving cars, may prove to be the greatest personal transportation revolution since the popularization of the personal automobile nearly a century ago.

- Sep. 20, 2016 NHTSA Policy.



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What does this all mean?

Enormous opportunity



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Speaker: Product liability



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- Airbags
- Seat belts
- Glass
- Brakes
- Tire failure
- Steering gears
- Roof crush
- Vehicle stability and handling
- Post collision fuel-fed fires



Product liability

State legislative impact on liability

- Florida
- Nevada
- Michigan
- District of Columbia
- Federal preemption

Product liability claims and driverless cars

- Manufacturing defect
- Design defect
- Failure to warn

Litigation considerations

- Who's at fault?
 - Operator
 - Original manufacturer
 - Technology/Programmer
- Evidentiary issues
- Possible defenses





The Model State Policy confirms that States retain their traditional responsibilities for vehicle licensing and registration, traffic laws and enforcement, and motor vehicle insurance and *liability regimes*.

DOT guidance
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- States should consider how to allocate liability among HAV owners, operators, passengers, manufacturers, and others when a crash occurs.
- Determination of who or what is the 'driver' of an HAV in a given circumstance *does not necessarily determine liability* for crashes involving that HAV.

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Speaker: Cyber security



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Autonomous Vehicle Data Processing

- Use of autonomous technology presents significant privacy and security issues
- Vehicles & vehicle-related services already collect personal information (entertainment, charging)
- Autonomous vehicles will likely track & log location, like mobile devices, combined with other data
- Manufacturers, platform providers, service providers
- Purposes from safety, to product and service improvement, to marketing
- Law enforcement (i.e., ATT) and insurance premiums



Cybersecurity Concerns

- OS and other software upgrades
- Use of vehicles to perpetrate hacks (e.g., DYN)
- Control of the vehicle (e.g., Jeep hacker)
- Privacy concerns



Cybersecurity & Data Protection Legal Landscape

- NHTSA autonomous vehicle & cybersecurity guidelines.
 - Maintain data to be available to entity and NHTSA
 - Anonymize data shared with third parties
 - Layered approach to security and sharing of cyber event data
- State laws protect privacy & security of information and are expanding (e.g., California)
- FCRA
- FTC Section 5 precedent (e.g., Ransomware enforcement threat)
- Media



Mitigation of Cyber Risk & Data Protection

- Privacy-by-Design
 - Context, Fairness, Transparency, Choice/Control
 - Compliance with requirements and guidelines
 - Build in data anonymization
 - Adjust for jurisdiction where the vehicle will be used
 - Consider cross-border transfer risks
- Security-by-Design
 - Build security into products and services
 - Benchmark security to requirements and frameworks
 - -Raise awareness by employees
 - Manage vendor and other third party relationships



Speaker: Intellectual property



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With nearly two decades of experience, Paul's practice focuses on patent litigation and trade secret litigation. He has represented clients in all stages of IP lawsuits from pre-suit investigations to final disposition of jury and bench trials, including the presentation of arguments at Markman, discovery-dispute hearings, and direct and cross examination of witnesses.

In the automotive area, Paul has handled matters involving:

- Braking systems
 - Windshield wipers
- Regenerative batteries
- Engine design

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 Out of lane detection systems

- Power base station
- Load balancing charging stations
- Global positioning systems



Intellectual property: key technologies







Automatic emergency braking Adaptive cruise control





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Intellectual Property: U.S. Procurement Leaders



Intellectual Property: IPRs on the rise (OEMs)



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Intellectual Property: V2x Communication (DSRC)

Key Technology

- No one definitive patent class for V2x
 - Graph below uses G08G1/09 as the sample
- Peak filing was before 2009, at least in G08G 1/09
 - Denso has largest volume, 2001-2008

Toyota, Aisin, & Pioneer also had appreciable volume, 2006-2008

Panasonic had early peak volume, 1995, 1999-2001





Speaker: Corporate / M&A



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In the automobile area, Johannes has handled matters involving:

- Chassis parts
- Tires

- Air bags
- Semiconductors
- Braking systems •
- Electric car batteries

- Infotainment systems
- Sensor technology
- Throttle systems
- **Engine blocks**

- Wiring systems
- Car seats
- Door locks



Autonomous driving: Corporate/ M&A

Pro: Major Shifts in Automotive Industry Expected

- \rightarrow Component Mfr.
- \rightarrow Typical model year

- \rightarrow Value shift
- hardware

Less important

More important

 \rightarrow Non-traditional Players

 \rightarrow Constant innovation/ immediate response to consumer preference

• Software / services

 $\rightarrow 50\%$ of car price for digital content?



Autonomous driving: Corporate/ M&A

Con: Versatile Automotive Industry

<u>Time</u>: "Around the corner" or 25 years away?

 Example: DSRC developed some 20 years ago; Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century ("TEA-21") in 1998 and Order by FCC in 2003 allocated 5.9 GHz band; technology still not mass produced

Reinvention: Tier 1 component manufacturers are becoming leaders in new technologies

<u>M&A</u>: Acquisitions of niche players plus existing infrastructure ignites established companies

<u>Devil in the Detail</u>: Apple and Google abandoning idea of car in favor of autonomous driving systems



Autonomous driving: Corporate / M&A

Technologies	Purpose	Key Players
LIDAR	Obstacle detection and avoidance	Velodyne Quanergy Leddar Tech ASCar Inc
Imaging Sensors	Viewing objects Reading traffic signs Reading speed limits	Omnivision ON Semiconductor SONY
Compute Power	Si with greater compute power Low Power Consumption	Intel Qualcomm
Big Data & Security	Data Security Systems Traffic Monitoring Systems Communication Systems (V2V)	Google IBM GM, BMW, Daimler, Honda, Audi, Volvo
Artificial Intelligence & Robotics	GPS, Localization Maps, Cognitive Learning, Augmented Reality	Google Trimble CSR Samsung Facebook

Industries That Will Benefit From Self-Driving Cars

Table 2: Industries That Will Benefit From Self-Driving Cars



Autonomous driving: Corporate / M&A Options for OEMs and Tier 1 Suppliers

- 1. Develop technology in-house (2/3 of automotive executives viewed this as #1 strategy)
- 2. Form alliances or partnerships
- 3. Combine through M&A transactions (likely stock, not asset deals)

All 3 are widely used, but (2) and (3) provide more flexibility and allow immediate implementation of new ideas – radical disruptors?



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Autonomous Driving: Corporate/ M&A

Case study

DSRC (dedicated short range communication; part of V2V and V2x; two way wireless communication)

Issue: DSRC and Wi-Fi want to use the same 75 Mhz within the 5.9 Gigahertz band; sharing (Cisco/Denso) or band allocation (Qualcomm)? Safety-of-life vs. ordinary matters

DSRC: Rental car processing; parking location; toll payments; traffic reports; route optimization

WiFi: Infotainment, telehealth

M&A:	Acquirer	Target	Date	Product
	Lear Corp.	Arada Systems	Nov. 30, 2015	V2X software/ hardware
	u-blox	lesswire	Dec. 4, 2014	wireless modules
	Valeo	Peiker GmbH	Dec. 21, 2015	telematics systems



Speaker: The legal landscape in Germany



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He is also regularly assisting automotive manufacturers and suppliers as well as technology companies in all ongoing corporate and corporate governance matters. Amongst his technology clients is London Stock Exchange listed IMI plc, which he represents on all German corporate and commercial law matters. Frank regularly advises clients on German stock corporation law, including assistance on shareholders' meetings.



Speaker: The legal landscape in Germany



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Regulatory framework in Germany

Level 0 – No driving assistance	Automated system has no vehicle control.	
Level 1 – Assisted driving	 Supportive tasks performed by vehicle's system independently within certain limits. System requires constant monitoring and readiness of driver. 	
Level 2 – Partially automated driving functions	 Vehicle's system automatically handles steering, braking and acceleration for a certain period of time or in specific situations. System requires constant monitoring and readiness of the driver. 	
Level 3 – Highly automated driving functions	 Vehicle's system automatically handles steering, braking and acceleration for a certain period of time or in specific situations. System no longer requires constant monitoring by the driver. 	
Level 4 – Fully automated driving functions	 Vehicle's system automatically handles steering, braking and acceleration of the vehicle in a defined scenario. Driver does not need to monitor the system. 	
Level 5 – Autonomous driving	Vehicle's system assumes full control of the vehicle from start to finish.	



Current developments

Regulatory	Other
 Europe Ambitious timetable under Amsterdam declaration on autonomous driving Round table on connected and automated driving Changes to EU type approval/ECE homologation announced Germany Changes to German road traffic act (StVG) announced Ethics committee of German Federal Ministry of transport and digital infrastructure established 	Additional digital "test-beds" (motorways and intra-city) 5G automotive association New era for PPP investments



German liability regime for traffic accidents





Practical implications?

Approx. 2.4 million traffic accidents p.a. causing economic damages of approx. € 30 billion

Accidents caused by technical failure / product defects







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Intellectual property: key technologies





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