

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Name and contact information

Mr. Mikko Välimäki  
Finnish citizen, born 1976, married

*University affiliations:* adjunct professor  
at Helsinki University of Technology  
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Piedmont, Italy



*Business affiliations:* partner at Turre Legal, general counsel at NTFS-3G Technology Oy,  
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## Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Helsinki University of Technology, June 2005. Major in digital economy, minor in software business. Dissertation "The Rise of Open Source Licensing. A Challenge to the Use of Intellectual Property in the Software Industry" passed with distinction. (<http://pub.turre.com/>)

Master of Laws, University of Helsinki, June 1999. Major in law & economics. Masters' thesis passed with the highest grade (laudatur).

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## Languages

Finnish, English – fluent for professional work

Swedish – good spoken and written, done even some professional work

German, Spanish, French – can read, even speak some words in German & Spanish

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## Academic work

*Helsinki University of Technology, Software Business and Engineering Institute, January 2004 – December 2005, June 2008 – ongoing:* initially university lecturer, teaching researcher etc. with teaching responsibilities in technology law. Since 2006 an adjunct professor (docent) with two courses annually, and since June 2008 part-time research management tasks. Initiated international research cooperation such as a new project on patent law, anti-trust & standards with Harvard Law School and Ecole des Mines. From January 2009 onwards

running an Academy of Finland project on intellectual property law.  
(<http://www.soberit.hut.fi/>)

*University of Eastern Piedmont, Department of Public Policy and Collective Choices, July 2008 – ongoing:* research fellowship with some teaching responsibilities starting in spring term 2009. (<http://polis.unipmn.it/>)

*Hanken School of Economics, Institute of Economic Law and Institute of Information Systems Science, January 2006 – December 2008:* various research fellowship positions, guiding graduate students, teaching several courses in the two-year “Master's Degree Programme in Intellectual Property Law”. (<http://www.hanken.fi/>)

*University of California, Berkeley, August 2000 – August 2001:* visiting scholar at Boalt Hall School of Law and School of Information Management and Systems.  
(<http://www.law.berkeley.edu/> and <http://www.sims.berkeley.edu/>)

*Helsinki Institute for Information Technology, January 2000 – December 2003:* researcher, worked in a research project studying digital rights management. Funded by Finnish National Technology Agency, Nokia and other companies (<http://www.hiit.fi/>)

*Helsinki University of Technology, Department of Computer Science, August 1999 – December 1999:* researcher, helped with Helsinki Institute for Information Technology foundation.  
(<http://www.cs.hut.fi/>)

*Swedish School of Economics and Business Administration, August 1999 – September 1999:* researcher, helped with IPR University Center foundation, web-related work.  
(<http://www.iprinfo.com/>)

*Finnish Lawyers Association, fall 1998 - summer 1999:* assistant editor for the leading Finnish academic legal journal *Lakimies*. (<http://www.lakimies.org/>)

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## **Business career**

*Turre Legal Oy, June 2000 and ongoing:* co-founder and partner. Various legal consulting assignments; advised for example software companies in intellectual property rights, open source licensing and contracts. Litigation in many precedent-setting technology law cases in the Finnish courts with subjects ranging from technological protection measures to file sharing and electronic voting. Clients vary from multinational companies to public organizations and individuals. (<http://www.turre.com/>)

*NTFS Technology Oy, March 2009 and ongoing:* general counsel. Licensing and general business development for an open source software start-up. Customers include major electronics manufacturers in Asia and elsewhere. (<http://www.ntfs-3g.com/>)

*Kotalab Oy, September 2003 and ongoing:* board member and shareholder. Restarted a technology start-up that develops and markets a patented online music distribution system DJ Online. Customers include bars and other public places in Finland (<http://www.djonline.fi>).

*Venimis Oy, September 2003 – September 2004:* co-founder and chairman. An advertising and media production company in Helsinki. Departed after MBO. (<http://www.venimis.com/>)

*Inter-American Development Bank, November 2003 – February 2004:* consultant in a study discussing open source and economic development in Latin America. Wrote a report and participated in a field trip to Brazil. (<http://www.iadb.org/>)

*Electronic Frontier Finland ry, September 2001 – December 2003:* co-founder and first chairman. An association that grew quickly to have over 1000 paying members. Advocating mainly online civil liberties such as free speech, privacy and fair use rights in copyright law. Given numerous interviews to newspapers, radio and television. (<http://www.EFFI.org/>)

*Tergat Inc and Oy, March 2001 - March 2003:* co-founder and later CEO. A software company founded first in Hong Kong, later in Helsinki, produced and sold database management software. Software package got over 100 000 downloads from Download.com. Company broke up after problems with Chinese partners. (<http://www.tergat.com/>)

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## Teaching and lectures

At Helsinki University of Technology, department of Computer Science and Engineering:

- *Computer Law / Legal Issues in Computing* (20-24 hours of lectures, fall term since 2005, 3 credits), basic course in Finnish, covers European intellectual property law in computer programs, licensing, privacy, computer crimes etc.
- *Advanced Computer Law / Law in Information Society* (20-24 hours of lectures, spring term since 2004 – both undergraduate and graduate, 6 credits), advanced course in English, covers actual topics and cases in technology and information law as well as policy issues.

At Hanken School of Economics, department of Commercial Law:

- *Advanced Intellectual Property Law* (20-24 hours of lectures, fall term 2006 and 2007 – both undergraduate and graduate, 8 credits), advanced course in English, covers comparative (European and US) intellectual property law.

At Helsinki School of Economics, department of Business Technology:

- *Economics and Management of Intellectual Property* (8 hours of lectures together with an economics professor as the main instructor with some 16 hours, spring term

2007, 2008 and 2008 – both undergraduate and graduate, 6-8 credits), advanced course in the economics and management issues of intellectual property.

Occasional visiting lectures in numerous other universities including recently Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm (22.10.2008), University of Eastern Piedmont, Alessandria (4.10.2008), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing (25.9.2008), University of Rennes (26.6.2008), Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin (18.6.2008), University of Bologna (16.5.2008), Ecole des Mines, Paris (17.3.2008), University of Leuven (20.10.2007), Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago (8.10.2007) etc. Also lectures at events for the general public and corporate training events with various topics, typically about the intersection of intellectual property law and information technology.

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## Selected publications

### Books

Mikko Välimäki: *Oikeudet tietokoneohjelmistoihin* (In Finnish, Rights to computer programs), 2nd edition, Talentum, Helsinki 2009

Niklas Bruun – Mikko Välimäki: *Korkeakoulukeksinnöt* (In Finnish: University inventions), IPR University Center Publications, Helsinki 2007

Herkko Hietanen - Ville Oksanen - Mikko Välimäki: *Community Created Content - Law, Business and Policy*, Turre Publishing, Helsinki 2007

Mikko Välimäki: *The Rise of Open Source Licensing. A Challenge to the Use of Intellectual Property in the Software Industry*. Turre Publishing, Helsinki 2005

### Selected journal papers

Mikko Välimäki: A flexible approach to RAND licensing, *European Competition Law Review* 12/2008, pp. 686-691

Mikko Välimäki - Ville Oksanen: Tietokonelaitteiston ja sen sisältämän tiedon takavarikosta rikosasioissa. (In Finnish, On the Seizure of Computer Equipment and its Contents in Criminal Procedure), *Defensor Legis* 2/2008, pp. 219-227

Mikko Välimäki: Uusi ryhmäkannelaki - eräs lainsäädäntöpoliittinen seikkailu. (In Finnish, New Law on Class Actions in Finland - a Legislative Adventure), *Lakimies* 1/2008 (Volume 106, Issue 1), pp. 3-19

Ville Oksanen - Mikko Välimäki: Theory of Deterrence and Individual Behaviour - Can Lawsuits Control File Sharing on the Internet? *Review of Law & Economics* 3/2007 (Volume 3, Issue 3)

Bo-Christer Björk - Mikko Välimäki (eds.): Wikipedia - monta näkökulmaa avoimeen tietosanakirjaan. (In Finnish, Wikipedia - many perspectives on the open encyclopedia). *Tieteessä Tapahtuu* 7/2007 pp. 7-30.

Mikko Välimäki: Keep on hacking: a Finnish court says technological measures are no longer "effective" when circumventing applications are widely available on the Internet, *SCRIPT-ed - A Journal of Law and Technology* 2/2007 (Volume 4, Issue 2), pp. 227-232.

Mikko Välimäki - Ville Oksanen: DRM Interoperability and Intellectual Property Policy in Europe, *European Intellectual Property Review* 11/2006, (Volume 26, Issue 11), pp. 562-568

Ville Oksanen - Mikko Välimäki: Free Software and Copyright Enforcement - A Tool for Global Copyright Policy? *Knowledge, Technology & Policy* Winter 2006 (Volume 18, Issue 4), pp. 101-112.

Mikko Välimäki: Copyleft Licensing and EC Competition Law, *European Competition Law Review* 3/2006 (Volume 27, Issue 3), pp. 130-136

Mikko Välimäki - Ville Oksanen: The Impact of Free and Open Source Licensing on Operating System Software Markets, *Telematics and Informatics* 1-2/2005 (Volume 22, Issues 1-2), pp. 97-110

Mikko Välimäki: A Practical Approach to the Problem of Open Source and Software Patents, *European Intellectual Property Review* 12/2004 (Volume 26, Issue 12), pp. 523-527

Mikko Välimäki: Dual Licensing in Open Source Software Industry, *Systemes d'Information et Management*, Vol. 8, No. 1, pp. 63-75, 2003

In addition, tens of conference papers, editorials, book reviews and opinion pieces.

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## **Other**

Main hobby right now running in Sjundeå IF running team, aiming at sub 2.40 marathon.  
Finnish army service 1995-1996, rank second lieutenant.