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PRACTICES

- Intellectual Property

EDUCATION

- DePaul University College of Law, J.D., Dean's Scholar, 1993
- Northwestern University, B.S.E.E., 1986

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Illinois USDC, Northern District
- Michigan USDC, Eastern District
- Texas USDC, Eastern District
- US Ct Appeals, 7th Circuit (Covers IL, IN, WI)
- US Ct Appeals, 9th Circuit (AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, WA, Guam, M. Isles)
- US Ct Appeals, Federal Circuit
- US Patent and Trademark Office
- Wisconsin USDC, Eastern District

RECOGNITIONS

- Listed in "The Best Lawyers in America", 2016-2023
- Listed in "Illinois Super Lawyers" (by Thomson Reuters), 2013-2024

Michael counsels clients on patent and trademark issues and represents them in federal courts across the United States.

He has significant experience litigating patents in a wide variety of technical disciplines, and has successfully handled matters related to the litigation of complex electrical engineering and software based technologies such as mobile computing, cellular communications, global positioning, and interactive television applications.

He has litigated patents in numerous federal courts, including the Eastern District of Texas, District of Delaware and Northern District of Illinois.

Michael also has significant experience with patent reexaminations and with counseling clients on proposed technologies. On the trademark side, Michael's experience includes trademark clearance, as well as representing clients in trademark litigation and in adversarial proceedings within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Michael also has significant copyright and right of publicity experience, both on the litigation and counseling side. Michael is Technology Committee Chair of the Firm's AI Task Force.

Publications

- Quoted, "IPO-bound Reddit discloses patent infringement complaint from Nokia," *Reuters*, March 19, 2024

Presentations

- "Litigation Amid a Cloud of Crisis: Aligning Legal Strategy with Reputation Management"; Association of Corporate Counsel Chicago, December 2015
- ACC STL CLE: IP Issues with GenAI - Ownership and Enforcement Association of Corporate Counsel, July 2024

Community

- President's Council, Museum of Science & Industry
- Board Member, Equip for Equality, Inc.

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner,
2009-Present
- Kirkland & Ellis LLP January
2006 - September 2009
- Tribune Company Senior
Counsel, Intellectual
Property/Interactive October
2000 - January 2006
- Kirkland & Ellis LLP September
1993 - October 2000