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Michael is an associate in the Intellectual Property Group where he focuses on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications to secure his clients' intellectual property rights.

Michael has worked with a wide range of clients, from large national and multi-national corporations to independent inventors in order to secure patent rights across a broad range of technologies. He believes that a key to building strong client relationships is being able to effectively communicate both the technical and legal aspects of the patent process, and recognizes that effective communication can take many shapes depending on the client. Michael translates the complex and sometimes confusing legal issues that may arise during patent prosecution into easy to understand and practical terms. Similarly, with his engineering background, Michael has worked closely with inventors to translate technical details into a format that complies with U.S. patent laws while still providing the desired scope of protection.

Michael also recognizes there is more than one "right" approach to address the many issues that may arise during patent prosecution. As such, Michael prefers to discuss several possible approaches with the client, address the pros and cons, and work together with the client to determine the most efficient and effective course of action.

Michael served as a patent examiner with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for more than five years and is familiar with the procedures employed by the USPTO. His understanding of these procedures helps him efficiently advance his clients' goals by anticipating where issues may arise.

Michael has drafted and prosecuted patent applications in a wide range of technologies including:

- various automotive technologies (vehicle stability systems, brake systems, diesel exhaust treatment, autonomous vehicle control systems and steering columns)
- construction equipment
- wireless communication and networking
- flooring systems
- packaging
- seals and gaskets
- household appliances

- optical media storage and drives
- portable electronic devices

Bar Admissions

Illinois, 2009

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2008

Education

Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, J.D., 2009

University of Michigan, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, 2001

Memberships

American Bar Association

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Illinois State Bar Association