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Mike's practice spans intellectual property litigation, intellectual property prosecution, and general litigation.

Mike has a national patent and trademark litigation practice. This practice includes United States Patent and Trademark Office trial procedures, such as *inter partes* review. Mike's experience in these areas encompassed various company brands and patented technologies such as computer software and hardware, construction equipment and materials, lighting products, Coriolis flow meters, medical devices, radio-frequency identification (RFID) products, computer and video games, and clothing.

Mike's intellectual property prosecution experience includes managing clients' intellectual property, drafting applications, responding to office actions, and appealing rejections. He has also drafted numerous licenses and contracts, performed clearance investigation and analysis, and advised on mergers and acquisitions.

Admissions

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Education

- J.D., Widener University School of Law 2006
magna cum laude
Phi Kappa Phi
Dean's List every semester
Widener School of Law Scholarship
Howard M. Berg Scholarship

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Patent Litigation
- Trademark and Copyright
- Patent Prosecution and Strategic Patent Counseling
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Environment, Health and Safety

- Energy and Natural Resources
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Financial Services
- Technology

- Bachelor of Civil Engineering, The Catholic University of America 2000

Courts

- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Memberships

- American Intellectual Property Law Association

INSIGHTS

Publications

Inventions behind the music: From Eddie Van Halen to Michael Jackson and beyond

22 December 2020

Music innovation offers fertile ground for patent protection.

The role of evidence in inter partes review

29 MAR 2016

Explaining some evidentiary issues that have decided PTAB proceedings.

- Co-author, "Don't Overlook Evidentiary Issues In Post-Grant Proceedings," *Law360* (June 14, 2016)
- Author, "What In-House Counsel Need to Know About Inter Partes Review," *The Legal Intelligencer* (Nov. 5, 2014)
- Co-author, "Creativity Required: Developing a legal strategy to protect fashion in the United States," *Law a la Mode*, Issue 9 at 14-15 (Spring 2013 edition)
- Co-author, "United States Patents: You Have to Play to Win," *IGaming Business (UK)*, at 8-10 (May 1, 2013)
- Co-author, "Choosing and Using Trademarks," *The Legal Intelligencer*, Pennsylvania Law Weekly Section, at 8 (March 22, 2011)

Events

Previous

Trials in the time of COVID-19

12 November 2020 | 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET

Webinar

NEWS

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "Entrepreneurs Look to Score Big on Eagles' Trick Play 'Philly Special,'" CBS Philadelphia and KYW Radio, February 13, 2018
- Quoted, "Ahead of Super Bowl, fans fight for trademarks to profit off Eagles-themed gear," The Philadelphia Inquirer, January 29, 2018

PRO BONO

Mike devotes much of his time to pro bono projects. The First Judicial District of Philadelphia recognized his pro bono work as exemplary and enrolled him in their Pro Bono Roll of Honor.