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Mike focuses his practice on prosecuting and defending clients' patents in proceedings before the USPTO and the federal courts.

PRACTICES

Intellectual Property
Patent Prosecution, Counseling and Opinions
IP Litigation

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, J.D., 2009

Journal of Law and Business, Editor

Boston University College of Engineering, M.S.E.E., 2005
Electrical and Computer Engineering

Pomona College, Claremont, California, B.A., 2002
Physics

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado
California
District of Columbia
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Mike prepares and prosecutes patents for sophisticated patent holders largely within the telecommunications, electronics and computer fields. His training and experience as an electrical engineer gives him the ability to provide clients with a comprehensive understanding of the patent process, from invention through enforcement. He defends clients accused of patent infringement and enforces clients' patent rights before federal district courts and the Patent Trial and Appeals Board. Mike's extensive litigation background informs his prosecution counsel, as he has a unique vantage with experience from multiple perspectives.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Mike practiced for several years at two firms in Silicon Valley, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe and Dickstein Shapiro.

EXPERIENCE

Preparation and Prosecution

- Patent portfolio development and management
- Domestic and international patent preparation and prosecution
- Claim analysis and construction
- Standards-related patents

Opinions and Counseling

- Patent infringement and validity analysis
- Non-infringement/invalidity opinions
- Product design counseling

Patent Licensing and Due Diligence

- Product clearances

Pre-litigation and Litigation Strategies

- Inter Partes Review (IPRs)
- Post-Grant Review Proceedings (PGRs)
- Pre-litigation strategies
- Patent litigation and representation before the PTAB, Federal District Courts

TECHNOLOGIES

Electrical/Electronic/Computer Science

Wireless telecommunications, standards-related technologies, fiber-optic communications components and networks, optics, encryption for communication networks, electronic design automation, transistor design, micro-electromechanical (MEMS), accelerometers, and gyroscopes

Medical Devices

Patient-monitoring devices, ophthalmic imaging devices

RECOGNITION

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