

Michael J. Bendel

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PARTNER

Overview

Mike loves seeing the fruits of innovation. His contribution to frontline science and product development is figuring out how to best protect inventions with intellectual property.

Clients appreciate Mike's transparency and dependability. Their worries become his worries. His clients work in various industries including, medical devices, consumer products, food and beverage, household gadgets and sports equipment. Mike engages all kinds of entrepreneurs to really understand their innovations and then meaningfully protect their differentiated products and solutions through a comprehensive IP protection plan. That plan includes determining the significance of a client's intellectual property and protecting that property with documents that will grow with a client's success.

A key tenet of Mike's practice is his commitment to client service. In more than 20 years of practicing law, Mike has served individuals and companies of various sizes as outside counsel, and served as in-house counsel for a Fortune 200 company. He's learned that the volume, variety and depth of a client's legal matters may vary, but each client deals with the same issues regardless of their size. His experience as in-house counsel enables him to better understand his clients' experiences and tailor services to fit their needs.

Mike's grandfather taught him that if you find your passion, you never have to work a day in your life. As someone who truly loves what he does, he thinks of that philosophy often and remembers his grandfather fondly when he goes to work.

Experience

Serves as Intellectual Property Counsel for a National and International Leading Manufacturer and Distributor of Medical Equipment

SERVICES

Intellectual Property

EDUCATION

John Marshall Law School, J.D.
St. Norbert College, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

U.S. Patent & Trademark
Office

Wisconsin

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Serves as Intellectual Property Counsel for a Leading Manufacturer and Distributor of Renewal, Fiber-Based Consumer and Industrial Packaging Solutions

Serves as Acting In-House Intellectual Property Counsel for a Leading Supplier and Distributor of Automotive Parts and Accessories

Counseled an Industry Leader in Negotiations and Execution of a Trademark Licensing Agreement

Serves as Patent Counsel for a National and International Leading Manufacturer of Mattress Making Equipment

Serves as Patent and Acting In-House Counsel for a National Distributor of CO2 Consumer Carbonation Cylinders

Serves as Outside General Counsel to a National and International Leading Manufacturer and Distributor of Medical Equipment

Managed a Multi-Million-Dollar Patent Budget to Deliver Single-Year Million Dollar Plus in Cost Savings for the Client

Raised the Level of Competence in the Global Intellectual Property Organization of a Fortune 200 Consumer Products Company

Regularly Built and Improved Standard Work Processes Including Invention Disclosures, Opposition Reporting and PCT Application Prosecution

Co-led Strategic and Tactical Support for Two Multi-Patent, Five-Year Infringement Litigations

Championed Multiple Patent Infringement Investigations Leading to Settlements and License Agreements With No or Little Litigation

Membership & Involvement

- Chair, Member Programs Committee: National Associate of Patent Practitioners (NAPP)
- Chair: Junior Achievement: Wisconsin, Winnebago Region
- Co-Chair and Board Member: The Farmory
- Board Member: Junior Achievement: Wisconsin
- Member: National Associate of Patent Practitioners (NAPP)

Alerts

Social Media, Intellectual Property and Protecting Your A\$\$ets!

Sharing Isn't Always Caring! Beware of Posting Copyrighted Material on Social Media

Intellectual Property: Understand It to Protect What You Own, Drive Value to Your Business and Positively Impact Your Bottom Line

Speaking Engagements

Overview of Intellectual Property, Its Value and Protecting Your Assets – Virtually! Speaking Engagement, Green Bay Urban Hub, November 15, 2022

Social Media, Intellectual Property and Protecting Your A\$\$ets! Speaking Engagement, Nicolet National Bank, Seminar; Appleton, WI, November 14, 2022

Published Works

2022 Chambers Global Practice Guide on Trade Marks USA: Trends and Developments
Publication, *Chambers Global Practice Guide*, March 1, 2022

Blog Posts

Best Practices to Protect Your Intellectual Property When an Employee Leaves the Company
Labor & Employment Law Update, August 29, 2023

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