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Mike prepares and prosecutes domestic and foreign electrical, mechanical, electromechanical and medical device patent applications. He also has substantial experience in preparing and negotiating intellectual property related agreements including licensing, joint development and consultant research arrangements. In addition, Mike conducts patentability and infringement studies, and offers experience in patent infringement litigation.

Mike joined Harness IP after serving as Counsel for Motorola, Boeing and Bausch & Lomb. In his third decade of practice, Mike's clients respect and highly regard his *direct* and *candid* communication style, as well as responsive service and consistently practical advice. Mike is reliably focused on *facilitating what his clients want to achieve*, and then delivering such results. Mike provides legal counsel that *helps rather than hinders* his clients' commercial objectives. He is dedicated to designing tangible solutions that support both long- and short-term strategies.

PRACTICE AREAS

Patents; IP Litigation; PTAB Proceedings

INDUSTRIES

Electrical, Computer & Internet; Image Processing, Lasers & Optics; Mechanical & Electromechanical; Medical Devices; Software & Information Technology; Architecture

BACKGROUND

Mike is committed to his clients, and *takes to heart* the cost challenges associated with managing legal services. As a result, he is careful with his clients' budgetary requirements, and strives to deliver ROI based on the utility of his advice and the quality of his work product. Mike's individual stake in serving his client's interests *at all times* is why Fortune 500 companies and emerging and middle market enterprises seek his continuous advice regarding their ongoing IP initiatives.

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- *Best Lawyers*, Litigation – Intellectual Property and Litigation – Patent, 2021-2024
- *Patent Buddy/Patent Research Review*, "Top Patent Prosecutor," 2011



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MEMBERSHIPS

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EDUCATION

J.D., University of Missouri, 1989

B.S., Electrical Engineering, Missouri University of Science and Technology, 1984

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Missouri

Texas

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Michael R. Griffin, First Judicial District Court, State of Nevada