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Michael's practice focuses on patents in electrical and computer related technologies. He devises strategies for protecting and developing IP assets to achieve each client's business objectives. He prepares and prosecutes patent applications, reviews competitive landscapes to identify potential infringers, analyzes opportunities for future patent protection, performs due diligence reviews of IP portfolios, and advises on freedom to operate for new product offerings and features. Michael is further experienced in post-issuance proceedings, including the new *Inter Partes* Review and Covered Business Method Review.

Michael received a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan. He continued at the University of Michigan, earning a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering, specializing in Circuits and Microsystems. He enjoys the complex technical details of a project, and can generally engage inventors on a technical level without them having to oversimplify.

PRACTICE AREAS

Patents; IP Transactions

INDUSTRIES

Automotive, Aerospace & Transportation; Consumer Electronics; Electrical, Computer & Internet; Semiconductor Processing & Devices; Software & Information Technology; Telecommunications & Wireless Technology



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NEWS/EVENTS

EVENTS

- 53rd Annual Conference on Intellectual Property Law, November 2016

IN THE NEWS

- "Printed Matter Doctrine Case Could Offer New Patent Attack," *Law360*, May 25, 2018
- "Experts challenge Skyhigh's patent for cloud-based encryption gateway," *CSO*, August 25, 2016
- Four Harness Dickey Patent Attorneys featured in *Detroit Legal*

News, January 2, 2015

- Harness Dickey Names Five Attorneys as Principals, January 1, 2015
- “Patent lawyer draws on engineering background,” *Detroit Legal News*, September 3, 2014

EVENTS

- Patent Attorney Michael Nye to Participate in Brazilian IP Association’s Virtual Conference

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

- Patent Attorneys Michael Nye and Michael Kella Discuss Patent Copies in Illinois State Bar Association Newsletter

BLOGS

- A Helpful Guide to Ribbon Copies, Certified Patents, Patent Plaques, and More
- Signing while Social Distancing, Part 2: Assignments
- Signing while Social Distancing
- Updated Examination Procedure For 101 Rejections Announced in USPTO Berkheimer Memo

BACKGROUND

Michael has had the privilege of working with Fortune 500 companies whose patent portfolios number in the thousands. He has also written and seen through to issuance a start-up’s first patent. Start-up companies especially benefit from Michael’s understanding, acquired in part through his work on the Firm’s Technology Committee, of how technology can be leveraged to understand, develop and protect IP.

Most gratifying to Michael are the many referrals he has received from clients and former colleagues who have moved in-house or started their own companies. His efforts at remaining current on developments in the law, including founding the Firm’s Computer Practice Group, have continued without interruption since receiving his law degree from Michigan State University.

While in engineering school, Michael worked in the DEC Alpha Microprocessor Development Group at Compaq Computer. Before that, Michael worked in the Air Management Group at Borg Warner Automotive.

Upon graduation, Michael worked as a Digital Systems Consultant for Agilent Technologies (during its spin-off from Hewlett-Packard; and since spun-off from Agilent as Keysight Technologies). Specifically, Michael assisted engineers in maximizing the capabilities of their digital test and measurement tools, primarily focusing on high-speed digital logic analyzers that could simultaneously capture the signals from thousands of electrical traces.

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

- *Best Lawyers*, Patent Law, 2021
- *Michigan Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star," Intellectual Property, 2015-2019

MEMBERSHIPS

- Michigan Bar Association
- Michigan Intellectual Property Law Association

EDUCATION

J.D., *with high honors*, Michigan State University, 2006

M.S., Electrical Engineering, University of Michigan, 2001

B.S., Electrical Engineering, *summa cum laude*, University of Michigan, 2000

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

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