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Michael Durbin advises innovators on protecting and leveraging intellectual property across a wide range of technologies.

Michael practices intellectual property law in the Litigation Department at Lewis Rice, with a focus on patent and trademark prosecution. He has represented inventors and companies across a broad spectrum of technologies, including computers and telecommunications, medical devices, bicycle components, and chemical applications.

Before joining Lewis Rice, Michael practiced at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in Washington, D.C. He was selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch* for 2023–2025.

Outside of his legal practice, Michael is an avid cyclist.

Education

- Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (J.D., 2011)
 - Patent Law Track
 - Wiley Rutledge Moot Court
 - Environmental Moot Court
- Duke University (M.S., 2006)
 - Engineering Management
- Duke University (B.S.E., 2005)
 - Electrical Engineering

Legal Background

- Patent Litigation Associate, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP (2015-2016)
- Patent Litigation Associate, Pepper Hamilton, LLP (2012-2015)
- Patent Prosecution Associate, Oliff & Berridge, PLC (2011-2012)

Services

- Intellectual Property
- Information Technology

- Examiner, Art Unit 2815, United States Patent and Trademark Office (2006-2008)

Admissions

- Virginia Bar
 - District of Columbia Bar
 - United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Publications

February 2019

“Mac” Attack: McDonald’s Loses Its European “Big Mac” Trademark by Failing to Prove Actual Use

September 11, 2018

Federal Court Clarifies the Scope of Drawings in a Design Patent

June 2017

Federal Circuit Reinstates Some of the “On-Sale” Bar