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Michael Hartley represents clients in high-stakes intellectual property disputes, combining legal insight with technical fluency across life sciences, finance, and emerging technologies.

Michael represents innovators and industry leaders in complex challenges to intellectual property. He successfully litigates complex patent disputes to achieve results that make business sense for his clients.

A savvy litigator and registered patent attorney with an extensive understanding of life science and finance, Michael blends these attributes to defend a wide range of IP issues in a broad spectrum of technologies. He handles patent infringement, post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, such as Inter Partes Review and Post Grant Review proceedings, trademark and trade dress infringement, misappropriation of trade secrets, and other complex commercial matters. Arguing patent issues in district courts throughout the U.S., Michael also has experience defending commercial disputes and appeals in federal court, including antitrust cases.

Michael was selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers*® 2017-2026.

Education

- Ohio State University, Michael E. Moritz College of Law (J.D., *with honors*, 2003)
- Muskingum College (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 2000)

Legal Background

- Senniger Powers

Professional Affiliations

- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Past Chair, Patent, Trademark and Copyright Section, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Admissions

Services

- Intellectual Property

- Missouri Bar
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Eastern District of Missouri, U.S. District Court
- Central District of Illinois, U.S. District Court
- Federal Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Board of Directors, Lift for Life Gym
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Representative IP Experience

Michael works with clients across a range of industries in their complex intellectual property disputes. Some recent highlights of his experience follow.

- Represented an accused infringer against allegations of patent infringement involving machines for producing personalized financial and other integrated circuit cards
- Represented a manufacturer of medical orthotic devices against a competitor in a patent infringement lawsuit resulting in a favorable settlement
- Defeated four inter partes review (IPR) petitions filed by a competitor at the institution decision phase
- Won grant of summary judgment for drug manufacturer in lawsuit alleging breach of contract, misappropriation of an idea, and unfair competition
- Represented a patent owner in a patent infringement lawsuit involving encryption methods for printing security images on financial instruments resulting in a favorable settlement following appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit