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Overview

Michael Hawkins helps industry-leading companies fend off patent-assertion entities, protects the intellectual property of innovators developing market-changing technologies, and strategizes with emerging companies on building and protecting their U.S. and international patent portfolios.

Michael excels in handling post-grant proceedings at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, pre-suit investigations, U.S. and foreign patent portfolio strategy and management, patentability analysis, clearance and due diligence investigations, and intellectual property licensing and other agreements. Exceptionally skilled in handling *inter partes* reviews, he confidently steers his clients through PTAB proceedings and has represented patent owners and petitioners in hundreds of such proceedings.

He has served as lead counsel in IPR proceedings for some of the world's leading smartphone manufacturers in various post-grant proceedings. For more than 20 years, Michael has helped a variety of medical device companies to achieve their intellectual property goals and secure strong patent protection.

Michael is motivated by his love of learning about cutting-edge technologies, innovative companies, and groundbreaking ideas. His clients rely on his strategic, cost-effective solutions to achieve their business, litigation, and settlement goals. Not only does Michael represents a number of Fortune 100 companies, but his work also focuses on strategic counseling for emerging and early-stage companies, helping them to build robust patent portfolios and develop comprehensive IP strategies. He conducts freedom-to-operate studies, secures patent protection for their innovations in the U.S. and abroad, establishes offensive and defensive asset protection strategies, and sets the stage for venture capital funding, commercialization, and long-term growth.

In addition to his victories in the PTAB, Michael was recognized in "The World's Leading Patent Practitioners" by *IAM Patent 1000*, where he was singled out nationally as a leading attorney for post-grant proceedings (2020-2023). He has also been recognized as a "Rising Star in Minnesota" by *Super Lawyers* (2016-2018) and as an "Up & Coming" lawyer by *Minnesota Lawyer* (2013).

Michael also serves as a volunteer attorney for the Children's Law Center of Minnesota, providing pro bono representation and a voice for foster kids who are navigating the family court system. He also provides pro bono inventor assistance for low-income inventors referred through LegalCORPS and California Lawyers for the Arts.

Recognitions & awards

IAM Patent 1000

IAM2020-2025

Ranked Lawyer

Chambers USA: Minnesota 2024-2025

Rising Star

Super Lawyers 2016-2018

Up and Coming Attorney

Minnesota Lawyer 2013

Experience

Post-Grant Proceeding

- *Nokia Solutions and Networks OY, et al. v. Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.*, IPR2017-00592
- *Nokia Solutions and Networks OY, et al. v. Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.*, IPR2017-00593
- *Nokia Solutions and Networks OY, et al. v. Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.*, IPR2017-00590
- *Nokia Solutions and Networks OY, et al. v. Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.*, IPR2017-00591
- *Nokia Solutions and Networks OY, et al. v. Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.*, IPR2017-00673
- *Nokia Solutions and Networks OY, et al. v. Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.*, IPR2017-00698
- *Nokia Solutions and Networks OY, et al. v. Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.*, IPR2017-00671
- *Nokia Solutions and Networks OY, et al. v. Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.*, IPR2017-00658
- *Nokia Solutions and Networks OY, et al. v. Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.*, IPR2017-00675
- *Google Inc., et al. v. Makor Issues & Rights Ltd.*, IPR2017-00815
- *Google Inc., et al. v. Makor Issues & Rights Ltd.*, IPR2017-00816
- *Google Inc., et al. v. Makor Issues & Rights Ltd.*, IPR2017-00817
- *Google Inc., et al. v. Makor Issues & Rights Ltd.*, IPR2017-00818
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01729
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01725
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01719
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01716
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01735
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01727
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01734
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01731
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01730
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01726
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01718
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01714
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01723
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01717
- *ResMed Corp., et al. v. Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd.*, IPR2016-01724
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-01658
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-01659

- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00632
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00634
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00635
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00501
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00504
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00340
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00272
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00215
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00218
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00061
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00062
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00064
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- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00057
- *Fisher & Paykel Healthcare Ltd. v. ResMed Ltd.*, IPR2017-00059
- *Google Inc. v. Mobile Telecommunications Technologies, LLC*, IPR2017-00559
- *Google Inc. v. Mobile Telecommunications Technologies, LLC*, IPR2017-00537
- *Google Inc. v. Mobile Telecommunications Technologies, LLC*, IPR2017-00536
- *Google Inc. v. Mobile Telecommunications Technologies, LLC*, IPR2017-00535
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- *Google Inc. v. Mobile Telecommunications Technologies, LLC*, IPR2017-00530
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- *Arctic Cat Inc. v. Polaris Industries Inc.*, IPR2017-00455
- *Arctic Cat Inc. v. Polaris Industries Inc.*, IPR2017-00433
- *Arctic Cat Inc. v. Polaris Industries Inc.*, IPR2017-00199
- *Google Inc. v. Makor Issues*, IPR2016-01537
- *Google Inc. v. Makor Issues*, IPR2016-01536
- *Google Inc. v. Makor Issues*, IPR2016-01535
- *Google Inc. v. Klaustech, IAG*, CBM2016-00096
- *Microsoft Corporation v. Corel Software, LLC*, IPR2016-0130
- *Microsoft Corporation v. Corel Software, LLC*, IPR2016-01086
- *Microsoft Corporation v. Corel Software, LLC*, IPR2016-01085
- *Microsoft Corporation v. Corel Software, LLC*, IPR2016-01084
- *Microsoft Corporation v. Corel Software, LLC*, IPR2016-01083
- *Google Inc. v. Porto Technology Co. Ltd.*, IPR2016-00045
- *Google Inc. v. Porto Technology Co. Ltd.*, IPR2016-00022
- *Arctic Cat Inc. v. Polaris Industries Inc.*, IPR2015-01789
- *Arctic Cat Inc. v. Polaris Industries Inc.*, IPR2015-01788
- *Arctic Cat Inc. v. Polaris Industries Inc.*, IPR2015-01783

- *Arctic Cat Inc. v. Polaris Industries Inc.*, IPR2015-01781
- *Google Inc. et al. v. American Navigational Systems, Inc.*, IPR2015-00851
- *Google Inc. et al. v. American Navigational Systems, Inc.*, IPR2015-00849
- *Arctic Cat Inc. v. Polaris Industries Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR2014-01427
- *Arctic Cat Inc. v. Polaris Industries Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR2014-01428
- *Google Inc. v. Visual Real Estate, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR2014-01338
- *Google Inc. v. Visual Real Estate, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR2014-01339
- *Google Inc. v. Visual Real Estate, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR2014-01340
- *Google Inc. v. Visual Real Estate, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR2014-01341
- *Google Inc. v. MicroGrafx LLC*, IPR Case No. IPR2014-00532
- *Google Inc. v. MicroGrafx LLC*, IPR Case No. IPR2014-00533
- *Google Inc. v. MicroGrafx LLC*, IPR Case No. IPR2014-00534
- *NuVasive, Inc. v. Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR-201300208
- *NuVasive, Inc. v. Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR-201300206
- *NuVasive, Inc. v. Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR-201300395
- *NuVasive, Inc. v. Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR-201300396
- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR-201300504
- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR-201300506
- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR-201300487
- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR-201300507
- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR-2013-00508
- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR 2014-00034
- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR 2014-00035
- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR 2014-00071
- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR 2014-00073
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- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR 2014-00075
- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR 2014-00076
- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR 2014-00081
- *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, IPR Case No. IPR 2014-00087
- *Continental Automotive Systems, Inc. v. Wasica Finance GMBH et. al.*, IPR Case No. IPR 2014-00295
- *Continental Automotive Systems, Inc. v. Wasica Finance GMBH et. al.*, IPR Case No. IPR2014-01454
- *Schrader Int'l, Inc. et. al. v. Wasica Finance GMBH et. al.*, IPR Case No. IPR 2014-00476
- *Schrader Int'l, Inc. et. al. v. Wasica Finance GMBH et. al.*, IPR Case No. IPR2015-00272

Reexamination Proceedings

- *Google Inc. v. Intertainer, Inc.*, Control No. 95/000,313
- *Google Inc. v. Streetspace, Inc.*, Control No. 95/001,763
- *Requester v. Klaustech, Inc.*, Control No. 90/011,303
- *Requester v. Suffolk Technologies LLC*, Control No. 90/012,714
- *Requester v. Suffolk Technologies LLC*, Control No. 90/012,427
- *NuVasive, Inc. v. Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.*, Control No. 95/000,451

- *NuVasive, Inc. v. Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.*, Control No. 95/000,449
 - *NuVasive, Inc. v. Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.*, Control No. 95/000,448
 - *NuVasive, Inc. v. Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.*, Control No. 95/000,446
 - *NuVasive, Inc. v. Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.*, Control No. 95/002,346
 - *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, Control No. 95/001,247
 - *Medtronic, Inc. v. NuVasive, Inc.*, Control No. 95/001,202
 - *Nest Labs, Inc. v. Honeywell Int'l, Inc.*, Control No. 95/002,040
 - *Nest Labs, Inc. v. Honeywell Int'l, Inc.*, Control No. 95/002,041
 - *USTC LLC v. Horian*, Control No. 95/000,134
 - *Kwiktwist Int'l, Inc. v. Handle It LLC*, Control No. 90/007,077 (power of attorney after close of prosecution)
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Pro bono activities

- Volunteer Attorney for Children's Law Center of Minnesota
 - LegalCORPS (pro bono inventor assistance)
 - California Lawyers for the Arts (pro bono inventor assistance)
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Insights

Post-Grant Report | March 5, 2025

2024 Post-Grant Annual Report

Blog | March 12, 2024

The Top Three Things Foreign Companies Should Keep in Mind When Considering IPR

Webinar | May 17, 2023

Techniques for Achieving an Efficient and Effective Freedom to Operate Analysis

Post-Grant Report | January 28, 2021

2020 Post-Grant Annual Report

Webinar | June 3, 2020

Techniques For Achieving An Efficient And Effective Freedom-to-Operate Analysis

Post-Grant Report | February 5, 2020

2019 Post-Grant Annual Report

Blog | April 3, 2019

What the PTAB Precedent Panel Said in Its First Decision

Webinar | July 19, 2018

Berkheimer v. HP: A Favorable Shift for Software and Medical Methodology Patents?

Blog | April 1, 2016

USPTO Finalizes New Rules for Post-Grant Proceedings

News

News | June 6, 2025

Fish & Richardson Earns "Band 1" Nationwide Rankings for Intellectual Property and ITC Practices in Chambers USA 2025

News | May 30, 2025

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2025 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

News | June 11, 2024

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2024 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

News | June 10, 2024

Fish & Richardson Earns "Band 1" Nationwide Rankings for Intellectual Property and ITC Practices in *Chambers USA 2024*

News | June 27, 2023

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2023 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

News | September 8, 2022

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2022 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

News | July 7, 2021

Fish & Richardson Receives Top Rankings in 2021 Edition of *IAM Patent 1000: The World's Leading Patent Professionals*

News | January 25, 2021

Fish & Richardson Named #1 PTAB Law Firm of 2020 by *Managing Intellectual Property*

News | August 12, 2020

Fish & Richardson Receives Top "Gold" Ranking from *IAM Patent 1000* for National Litigation Practice; National Rankings in the Plaintiff Firm and Prosecution...

Media Coverage | March 24, 2020

Ban On IPR Time-Bar Tricks Will Spur New Strategies

Law360

Media Coverage | April 15, 2019

PTAB Rulings Show Potential New Way To Defeat AIA Reviews

Law360

Media Coverage | December 4, 2018

Checking In On SAS Institute 6 Months Later

Law360

News | August 10, 2018

Fish & Richardson Ranked Top Firm for Petitioners at the PTAB by *Managing Intellectual Property*

Media Coverage | June 11, 2018

6 Weeks After SAS Institute: Here's What We Know

Law360

News | January 19, 2018

Fish & Richardson Named #1 PTAB Law Firm in the U.S. for 2017 by *Managing Intellectual Property Magazine*

News | February 17, 2017

Fish & Richardson Named #1 PTAB Law Firm in the U.S. for 2016 by *Managing Intellectual Property Magazine*

Events

November 5, 2019

IAM Patent Litigation 2019

November 29, 2018

Patents on Tap

September 13, 2018

Patents on Tap | The Upcoming Supreme Court Decision in *Helsinn v. Teva*: Can Secret Sales Invalidate a Patent?

June 21, 2018

Patents on Tap | *Berkheimer v. HP*: A Favorable Shift for Software Patents and Medical Methodology Patents?

March 15, 2018

Patents on Tap | Do IPR Proceedings Violate the Constitution?

December 14, 2017

Patents on Tap | What Judicial Law Clerks Wish You Knew: Lessons and Cautionary Tales from Recent Clerks in the District of Minnesota

Additional insights

Publications

- "What the PTAB Precedent Panel Said in Its First Decision," *Law360* (April 2019)
- "Implementing Strategies for an Offensive Patent Portfolio," *Journal of Industrial Biotechnology*, Vol. 6, No. 3 pp. 141-43 (2010)
- "Prosecution Laches in the Wake of Symbol Technologies: What is 'Unreasonable and Unexplained' Delay?" 87 *L. Rev.* 1621 (2003)

Speaking engagements

- "How Do Supreme Court Decisions Really Affect Patent Applicants? A Statistical Analysis," *Patents on Tap* (November 2018)
- "Overview of IPRs and Post-grant Proceedings" (October 2018)
- "The Upcoming Supreme Court Decision in *Helsinn v. Teva*: Can Secret Sales Invalidate a Patent?" *Patents on Tap* (September 2018)
- "Overview of IPRs and Post-grant Proceedings" (April 2018)

Media mentions

- Quoted, "Ban on IPR Time-Bar Tricks Will Spur New Strategies," *Law360* (March 20, 2020)
 - Quoted, "PTAB Rulings Show Potential New Way To Defeat AIA Reviews," *Law360* (April 9, 2019)
 - Quoted, "Checking In On SAS Institute 6 Months Later," *Law360* (November 30, 2018)
 - Quoted, "6 Weeks After SAS Institute: Here's What We Know," *Law360* (June 8, 2018)
 - Named, "PTAB Agrees to Review Part of Polaris ATV Patent," *Law360* (July 5, 2017)
 - Named, "PTAB Invalidates Claims In Polaris ATV Patent," *Law360* (January 31, 2017)
 - Named, "Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs," *Law360* (December 1, 2016)
 - Named, "Fed. Circ. Backs Google, Samsung PTAB Win On Graphics IP," *Law360* (November 29, 2016)
 - Named, "Apple, Google, Samsung Get Mapping Patent Win At PTAB," *Law360* (September 21, 2016)
 - Named, "Arctic Cat Wins Ax of Rival's ATV Patent Claims at PTAB," *Law360* (February 4, 2016)
 - Named, "Google, Samsung Get Graphics Patents Axed in AIA Review," *Law360* (June 17, 2015)
 - Quoted, "Apple, Samsung, Lead Charge to Kill Infringement Lawsuits by Going to Patent Office," *Daily Journal* (June 4, 2015)
 - Named, "Google, Samsung Get Another Micrografx Patent Axed," *Law360* (July 22, 2015)
 - Named, "PTAB Nixes Warsaw Spine Implant Patent in AIA Review," *Law360* (December 22, 2014)
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Services

Patent Litigation

Post-Grant

Inter Partes Review

Post-Grant Review

Ex Parte Reexamination

Patent
Patent Prosecution
Strategic Patent Counseling & Opinions
Patent Portfolio Management
IP Licensing, Transactions & Agreements

Industries

Software & Internet
Hardware
Semiconductors
Optics
Financial, Business & FinTech Services
Telecommunications
Medical Devices
Transportation, Aerospace & Defense
Manufacturing

Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (2015)
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2005)
Minnesota (2004)

Education

J.D. *magna cum laude*, University of Minnesota Law School (2004) Managing Editor, *Minnesota Law Review*
B.S. with high distinction, Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota (2000)