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About Michael

Michael Lew is a senior associate and registered patent attorney in the firm's Intellectual Property & Technology practice. He works with a variety of software, telecommunications and fintech companies, with a focus on patent prosecution, counseling and litigation support.

He has significant experience in computer technology, with particular focus on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications relating to AI/ML, both on an architectural level and an application level. Michael has also worked with cryptocurrency and blockchain entities, advising on security aspects of crypto transactions and wallets. His work with complex technologies began before college, when he worked in the controls and diagnostics division of an international leader in industrial equipment production. In this role, Michael developed and maintained proprietary software modules for intelligent industrial equipment cleaning systems, as well as gained experience in industrial communications technologies and the development of user interfaces for SCADA systems.

During law school, Michael interned with the US Air Force's Commercial Litigation Directorate, as well as a patent law boutique in Virginia. His work included a focus in technical data rights issues in government contracting, patent analyses in support of government administrative claim positions and the preparation of patent applications directed to mechanical devices and computerized simulators.

After law school, Michael was an associate at a national intellectual property firm, where he worked on the preparation and prosecution of telecommunications and energy industry patent applications for equipment and sensing devices, financial technology patent applications and computer technology patent applications, as well as advising on contentious matters, patent marking and licensing of intellectual property. Michael has experience as outside counsel and in-house counsel, having been seconded to a Fortune 500 financial software company as in-house patent counsel.

Credentials

Education

- George Mason University School of Law, J.D., 2013
- University of Virginia, B.A., with high distinction, 2010

Admissions

- Virginia, 2013
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2013

Courts

- U.S. Dist. Ct., E. Dist. of Virginia

Memberships & Affiliations

- Member, Houston Intellectual Property Law Association, 2024
- Member, Houston Young Lawyers Association, Member 2021 – present
- Member, Houston Young Lawyers Association Outreach Committee and Wellness Committee member, 2024
- Houston Young Lawyers Foundation, 2024 Fellow

Expertise

Services

- Intellectual Property & Technology

Industries

- Life Sciences

Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Author, "How USPTO Examiner Memo Informs Software Patent Drafting," *Law360*, September 8, 2025.
- Author, "Artificial Intelligence and Our Continuing Journeys in Alice's Wonderland: Practice Points from Recentive Analytics, Inc. v. Fox Corp.," Global IP & Technology Law Blog, April 25, 2025.
- Author and Presenter, "Drafting AI-related Patent Applications: Private Practice", State Bar of Texas, 38th Annual Advanced Intellectual Property Law, February 2025.

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