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Michael Monyok focuses his practice on intellectual property matters and represents startups to large public companies in all aspects of intellectual property procurement, management, licensing, and litigation. In addition, Michael assists startups and emerging businesses navigate the complex legal issues that often face new ventures, from entity creation to a successful exit. Beyond patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets, Michael's work extends to all facets of the law involving technology. With a background in engineering, Michael brings an engineer's problem-solving mindset to complex, technical legal matters.

Michael is a native Pittsburgher and currently resides in Sewickley with his wife and children. As a former swimmer and captain of his college swim team, Michael can be found at the local YMCA volunteering with his kids' swim team when he is not immersed with the latest inventions.

Capabilities

- Intellectual Property
- Corporate & Business Law
- Data Security
- MUSolutions

Representative Matters

- Working with inventors in preparing and prosecuting patent applications in the U.S., Europe, Japan, Canada, Australia, China, and several other countries.
- Assisting clients in legal matters involving complex technologies, including machine-vision guidance systems, human/computer interaction, robotics, data processing, and nano-materials.
- Representing client at the U.S. Patent Trial and Appeal Board.
- Drafting license agreements involving patents, sponsored research, emerging technology, name/image/likeness, and other IP rights.
- Litigating patent, trademark, and copyright infringement matters.
- Counseling clients seeking venture funding.
- Advising clients experiencing a cybersecurity breach or data security issues.



Professional/Community Involvement

- American Intellectual Property Law Association, Member
- Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association, Member
- Meritas – Global Information Technology Group
- The Q. Todd Dickinson Intellectual Property American Inn of Court, Barrister
- Pittsburgh Venture Capital Association, Member
- Three Rivers Venture Fair, Coach's Committee
- Penn State Venture and IP Conference, Coach's Committee
- Carnegie Mellon University Venture Challenge, Judge
- Sewickley Valley YMCA – Volunteer Coach

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (registered patent attorney)

Education

- J.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Law
 - IP and Technology Law Certificate
- B.S., Chemical Engineering and Engineering & Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University

Writing/Speaking

- "A Primer on NFTs: What Do You Really Own?" *The Legal Intelligencer*. May 26, 2021.
- "There Are Limits to Flag Designs in Registered Trademarks," MUS Blog. June 26, 2019.
- "Protecting Client Data is Key – But Don't Forget Employee Data," *Accounting Today*, April 22, 2019.
- "A Global Roadmap to Personal Data Protection - Asia Pacific, Europe & USA, 1st Edition", *Meritas*, September 2018.
- "Intellectual Property: What You Need to Know," Presenter, The Center for Women's Entrepreneurship at Chatham University, June 19, 2018.
- "Cybersecurity Guidelines," Presenter, consortium of trustees for municipal pensions, May 23, 2018.
- "Cybersecurity and the Construction Industry," Presenter, Advisory Board Meeting of a Fortune 500 company, May 9, 2018.
- "Are Company Board Members Doing Enough to Stop Cybercrime?" *The Colorado 100*, November 27, 2017.
- "Business Practices & Considerations for a Healthy Business," Presenter, The Institute For Entrepreneurial Excellence at The University of Pittsburgh, September 11, 2017.



- “The Second Step: Practical Legal Considerations for Your Growing Business,” Presenter, The Center for Women’s Entrepreneurship at Chatham University, April 12, 2017.
- “Construction Could Be the Next Target for Cyber Threats,” Property Casualty 360°, August 2017.
- “Congress Aims at Protecting Small Businesses From Cyberthreats,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, June 2017.
- “Legal Basics Bootcamp,” Presenter, The Center for Women’s Entrepreneurship at Chatham University, September 22, 2016.
- “Legal Considerations”, Speaker, The Author’s Zone Writers Conference, September 10, 2016.
- “Five Key Aspects of New Federal Trade Secret Protection Law,” *MUS Client Advisory*, May 13, 2016.
- “After Lexmark, Is International Patent Exhaustion on the Horizon?”, Moderator, ABA IP Roundtable, December 2015.
- “3-D Printing Creates new Dimension of IP Concerns,” *The Legal Intelligencer*, April 2015.
- “Business Workshop: Consumers, Not Judges, Get to Decide Trademarks,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Business Workshop, March 3, 2015.
- Foreign Direct Investment: A View from the Inside, Contributor, *The Global Legal Post*, 2016.

