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PRACTICES Intellectual Property, Patent Office Trials, AI and Deep Learning

Whether it's sorting through complex technical and legal issues, defending against allegations of patent infringement, or developing valuable patent portfolios, clients rely on Michael Parsons to advocate for their complex patentability needs.

Mike is a registered patent attorney who counsels clients on a range of patent law including post-grant proceeding before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), U.S. and foreign patent acquisition, and patent litigation. Mike defends the largest technology companies in the world against allegations of patent infringement using the post-grant review process offered by the USPTO. The 2020 edition of *IPR Intelligence Report* (Patexia Inc.) ranked Mike's group as one of the most active and successful petitioners at the PTAB.

Clients appreciate Mike's strategic ability to combine in-depth technical analysis with an understanding of past developments to tell a persuasive story to bolster invalidity defenses. His work in post-grant proceedings has ended in successful outcomes for his clients that either invalidated the asserted patents or resulted in settlement for substantially less than what was originally sought. Some of his recent matters have involved technologies including body sensors and data analysis, miniature lens designs for mobile devices, image processing, and smart-card-based transactions.

Mike also works with clients in developing patent portfolios covering their most important technologies. He works with both U.S. and foreign patent offices and foreign counsel to obtain patents worldwide. Much of Mike's patent portfolio development work involves machine learning and other artificial-intelligence-based technologies.

Mike is actively involved with both the Dallas-North and Northern California offices, which allows him to regularly meet with client in both locations. Mike also assists with attorney recruiting across the firm's IP practice with a specific focus in the northern California market.

Clients benefit from Mike's extensive technology background, which includes working prior to law school as a software engineer for a startup company in Portland, OR. Mike's software experience was focused on mobile device technology and client server systems. While in law school, Mike interned for the Honorable Steven J. McAuliffe of the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire. Mike also served as the managing editor of *Pierce Law Review* (now *UNH Law Review*).

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of New Hampshire School of Law formerly Franklin Pierce Law Center, 2008, *cum laude*, Managing Editor, *Pierce Law Review*
- B.S., Computer Science, Pacific University, 2001

CLERKSHIPS

- 1/01/0001 - 1/01/0001
- Student Clerk to Chief Judge Steven J. McAuliffe, U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire, January-April 2008

ADMISSIONS

- California
- District of Columbia
- New York
- Texas
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office