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Overview

Michael T. Murphy's practice focuses on intellectual property litigation, anti-counterfeiting, licensing, and counseling, helping clients protect and defend rights related to trademarks, branding, ideas, processes, products, and services.

Michael litigates patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret cases in key courts throughout the country, including the U.S. District Courts for Delaware, the Eastern District of Texas, the Southern District of New York, and the Eastern District of Virginia. In addition to district court litigation, he brings extensive experience defending patent validity challenges at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

As a former examining attorney at the USPTO, Michael brings niche industry knowledge to his counsel on clearing and protecting worldwide trademarks as well as designing brand strategies. He has extensive experience in confronting misuse of clients' trademarks and copyrights on the internet and in blocking attempts to register clients' marks by bringing litigation or opposition and cancellation proceedings to the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. In addition, he actively represents clients before U.S. Customs and Border Protection to aid in identifying and seizing counterfeit products at the border.

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (LLM)
- University of Baltimore School of Law (J.D.)
- University of Maryland (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Memberships

- Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Patent, Trademark, and Copyright Section