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Intellectual Property
Patents
Life Sciences
Trademarks

Michael specializes in drafting and prosecuting patent applications related to life sciences and clean technology, including:

- biotechnology
- pharmaceuticals
- therapeutics
- industrial and wastewater treatment technology
- bio-based materials
- biogas
- membrane technology

Michael's knowledge extends to patentability, validity, infringement and freedom-to-operate issues. He also counsels clients on international patent strategies and portfolio management.

Additionally, Michael has experience helping start-up companies grow. He co-founded StartUp & Grow™, a BLG initiative that offers practical, efficient legal solutions tailored to meet the needs of entrepreneurs, start-ups, early-stage and growth-stage companies.Before joining BLG as an articling student, Michael conducted doctoral research in biochemistry at Simon Fraser University. While completing his research, Michael also attended law school at the University of Alberta. Michael was called to the bar in 2013 and passed the Canadian Patent Agent exams in 2015.

Experience

- Acts for life sciences, biotechnology, water, energy, clean tech, biogas, and biomaterials companies in patent prosecution and procurement matters.

Insights & Events

- Session II – Accessing and Protecting Your Intellectual Property, BLG Video, June 2020

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association (Intellectual Property and Technology Law and Young Lawyers sections)
- Member, Vancouver Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of British Columbia
- Member, Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC)

Community Involvement

- Mentor, Student Biotechnology Network (SBN)
- Advisor, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade Scale-Up Centre for SMEs Advisory Committee, 2020-present
- Advisor, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade Small Business Council Advisory Committee, 2019-2020

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2026 edition (and since 2024) of Intellectual Asset Magazine's *(IAM) Patent 1000 - The World's Leading Patent Professionals* (Prosecution - Recommended)
- Recognized as a Notable Practitioner in the 2026 edition (and since 2022) of *IP STARS* from *Managing Intellectual Property* (Managing IP)
- Recognized by *Managing Intellectual Property's IP Stars* as a Rising Star for 2020/2021

Bar Admission & Education

- British Columbia, 2013
- Registered Canadian Patent Agent,
- Registered U.S. Patent Agent for Canadian applicants,

- JD, University of Alberta, 2012
- PhD in Biochemistry, Simon Fraser University, 2012
- BSc in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Simon Fraser University, 2006

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