

## Michael Sanko

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## About Michael

### Savvy advisor on patent prosecution and portfolio management strategies

Michael Sanko focuses on utility patent prosecution involving mechanical, electrical and software-related inventions as well as design patent prosecution. He advises clients on domestic or international patent portfolio procurement and management strategies. He also helps clients navigate complex patent landscapes by assisting with freedom-to-operate analyses and infringement analyses of utility and design patents. Michael's experience encompasses a wide range of industry sectors, including:

- **Aerospace**
- **Automotive**
- **Manufacturing**
- **Consumer goods**
- **Gaming, software and consumer electronics**

Prior to becoming an attorney, Michael worked as a mechanical engineer for a multinational automobile company, where he drove development of innovative applications of advanced additive manufacturing technologies and designed dynamic plastic injection molds for production of large components of new model automobiles.

During law school, Michael worked with entrepreneurs as part of a legal clinic for small businesses and consulted on both intellectual property and corporate law matters.

### Education and Honors

Loyola University Chicago  
School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2020)

- Intellectual Property Law Society, member
- Chicago Intellectual Property Colloquium, fellow
- *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*, lead articles editor
- Business Law Clinic, student clinician

Northwestern University  
Pritzker School of Law (M.S. in Law, *with honors*, 2017)

- Intellectual Property Law
- High Tech Law Society, executive board member
- International Team Project: U.S. & German Approaches to Autonomous Vehicle Development

University of Dayton (B.S., 2014)

- Mechanical Engineering
- American Society of Mechanical Engineering, member

### Bar Admissions

Illinois





## Experience in Action

- **Develops sophisticated patent prosecution strategies** for procurement of utility and design patents.
- **Advises on enforcement and defense to granted patent rights**, including assistance with patent infringement analyses.
- **Assists clients with evaluating patent landscapes**, including assistance with freedom-to-operate analyses and patent validity or invalidity analyses.

## Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

## Capabilities

Intellectual Property Litigation

Trademark

Patent

Intellectual Property

Patent - Consumer Products and Industrial Design

Patent - Manufacturing

## Professional Recognitions

- *Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch" (2023, 2024: Intellectual Property Law)

## Professional & Civic Activities

- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago, member
- American Intellectual Property Law Association, member
- Chicago Bar Association, member
- Chicago Intellectual Property Colloquium, fellow

