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With over 19 years of experience in patent law and a strong foundation in electrical engineering, Michael Liu brings a rare combination of technical depth and legal insight to the firm's intellectual property team. Prior to joining the firm, he spent several years drafting and prosecuting U.S. and international patent applications across a range of technologies. Michael brings a unique perspective as a former examiner at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). He leverages his technical background and prosecution experience to provide a holistic approach, helping clients protect and enforce their most valuable innovations.

Michael's practice is focused on:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML)
- Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR) and Mixed Reality (MR)
- Camera Related Technologies
- Wireless Communications and Telecommunications Systems
- Semiconductors
- Circuits

Education

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (M.S., 2005)
 - Electrical Engineering
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (B.S., 2004)
 - Electrical Engineering

Bar Admissions

- Admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Recognition

- Bronze Medal Award, USPTO, 2014

Capabilities

- Intellectual Property
- Patent Preparation & Prosecution
- Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Patent Prosecution
- Patent Filings & Strategy

Languages

- Mandarin Chinese

Matters

- Advised a communications company in a suit against a competitor for infringing patents for automatic speech recognition systems.
- Advised a software company in a suit against a competitor for infringing patents for cybersecurity.
- Advised a software company in a suit against a competitor for infringing patents for a browser application.
- Advised a tobacco company attempting to enter the electronic cigarette market by first determining the validity of its competitors' patents.
- Advised a medical device company determining whether a competitor had infringed its medical device patent.