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Michael Zawalski uses his mechanical engineering background to work across a broad range of technologies. He prepares and prosecutes U.S. and foreign patent applications in the mechanical, medical device, software, electrical, imaging and chemical fields. Michael advises clients on patent portfolio development and management and helps them create strategic plans to protect their innovations. He regularly works with clients on complex technologies such as:

- Surgical Tools
- Advanced mechanical systems and devices
- Oil and gas systems
- Drug delivery platforms
- Diagnostic and imaging systems
- Medical software and AI
- Robotic systems

Michael manages clients' patent portfolios and protects their intellectual property by supporting patent litigation, post-grant proceedings and alternative patent resolution forums. He also assists with due diligence for intellectual property transactions and non-infringement, invalidity and freedom-to-operate (FTO) opinions.

Michael also volunteers for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Pro Bono Program.

Education

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, *Dean's List*, 2022)
 - Woolsack Honor Society
- University of Missouri (B.S., *cum laude*)
 - Honors Scholar
 - Mechanical Engineering

Bar Admissions

- Missouri

Capabilities

- Medical Devices
- Patent Preparation & Prosecution
- Intellectual Property

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

Recognition

- Named one of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* in:
 - Intellectual Property Law, 2026
 - Patent Law, 2026

Publications

January 2, 2025

APEX – An Alternative Patent Resolution Procedure on Amazon

May 8, 2023

USPTO's New Electronic Grant System Shortens the Time to File Continuing Applications