

Mike R. Turner

Partner | Intellectual Property

OVERVIEW

Mike assists clients across a broad spectrum of intellectual property needs such as procuring, analyzing, and enforcing utility and design patents, trademarks, copyrights, and other forms of intellectual property. He has served as lead counsel in dozens of intellectual property cases and has successfully taken cases through summary judgment, trial, and appeal. A registered patent attorney, Mike has also successfully challenged and defended patents before the Patent Trial and Appeals Board and trademarks before the Trademark Trial and Appeals Board.

On the transactional side, Mike manages global intellectual property portfolios for several clients and has led successful licensing campaigns to monetize portfolios he has helped them create. He also advises clients on the intellectual property of others in the context of acquisition due diligence, license negotiations, and non-infringement / invalidity analyses. Mike has obtained patent rights for clients throughout the mechanical, electrical, and computer science disciplines and is also a patentee himself, having obtained U.S. Pat. No. 10,939,269 covering a unique public display system he invented.

A graduate of West Point, Mike began his professional career as an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before spending several years on an engineering management track at Ford Motor Company. In 2005, he transitioned from developing inventions as an engineer to protecting them as an intellectual property attorney. Today, Mike prides himself on his ability to understand the design and engineering challenges his customers face and to use that understanding to help them navigate the competitive landscape of products and services they offer.



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EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law
(J.D., 2008) *magna cum laude*

University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign (M.B.A., 2000)

U.S. Military Academy at West Point
(B.S.M.E., 1996)

ADMISSIONS

Illinois

Tennessee

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

At the firm, Mike is the Chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee. Dedicated to giving back, he sits on a number of charitable boards and founded and operates the Mowen Scholars program, which raises money to help send kids to college on behalf of a fallen classmate. Mike also practices education law pro bono for parents of special needs children, helping them obtain access to a meaningful education under the federal Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act. Related to his pro bono work, Mike is the author of *Raising Special Children: A Guide to the Road Less Travelled*, available through Amazon.com and Kindle.

EXPERIENCE

IP Litigation

- Won a jury trial finding willful infringement of a patent covering high voltage x-ray transformers after successfully challenging an initial unfavorable summary judgment ruling before the Federal Circuit.
- Defeated injunction bid, keeping client's innovative beamforming technology available to customers while successfully resolving multi-jurisdictional patent and trade secret dispute between leading audio conference equipment providers.
- Obtained preliminary and permanent injunctions halting the flow of patent infringing counterfeit speakers into the United States, seized the infringer's assets, and had them awarded to our client.
- Obtained summary judgment and permanent injunction for national property rental client forcing its competitor to change its name and stop infringing the client's trademark.
- Convinced court to set aside a significant patent infringement judgment levied against a wireless telecom client while represented by other counsel by raising procedural flaws and new evidence
- Obtained preliminary injunction halting the sale of paintballs that infringed a client's trademark configuration registration and trade dress leading to a favorable settlement against a leading competitor.
- Successfully established and asserted common law rights to trade dress and marks in the welding industry resulting in the cancellation of overlapping registrations obtained by a competitor.
- Favorably resolved patent claims asserted against an aircraft parts client based on claim construction victories and successful discovery efforts.

IP Transactional

- Manage and enforce a large patent and trademark portfolio covering certain pesticide products and technology across over ninety countries for the agricultural arm of a global conglomerate.
- Constructed and executed a highly successful patent licensing campaign for a client, enabling them to place nearly 95% of their competition under licenses covering the sale of more than 100 million writing

instruments annually. Also drafted and obtained the underlying patents and defended them through multiple PTAB challenges.

- Advise a client in navigating the state and federal patchwork of laws relating to the sale of cannabis products, and developing protection schemes for their intellectual property in that space.
- Developed an inventorship program for a global technology company in the employment space that has drastically increased their invention disclosures, patent applications and issued patents.
- Negotiated trademark agreements to allow for the national expansion of a hospice care provider with a common name used by competitors in other states.
- Advised publicly-traded client through a corporate name change and rebranding effort of all its software offerings.
- Negotiated territorial expansion guidelines for two multi-state banking groups with rights to similar names and marketing material that has allowed for coexistence.
- Drafted and/or negotiated hundreds of service agreements controlling the design, manufacture, and/or logistical aspects of product development for clients on the receiving or the providing side of the transaction, with emphasis on handling and safeguarding the underlying intellectual property as well as privacy and confidentiality.

RECOGNITIONS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, recommended in "Patent Law" since 2024
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, named "Super Lawyer" for Intellectual Property, 2023
- *Crain's Chicago Business*, "Notable Veteran Executives," 2021
- *The Legal 500 United States*, recommended in "Trademarks: Litigation," 2020
- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, named "Rising Star" for Intellectual Property, 2016 – 2018

NEWS & INSIGHTS

April 4, 2025 Event

Mike Turner Shares Career Insights at University of Tennessee Law IP Society



March 14, 2025 Event

NGE Attended the 2025 World IP Review Summit

March 14, 2025 Event

NGE Attends USC Gould School of Law's 2025 Intellectual Property Institute

August 15, 2024 Firm News

60 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2025 *Best Lawyers In America*

May 13, 2024 In The Media

Mike Turner and Charlie Shih Quoted in *Law360* Article, "Patent Owners Face Risks In Amazon Program After Ruling"

May 9, 2024 Event

Mike Turner Attends the International AntiCounterfeiting Coalition Conference

May 8, 2024 Publication

Amazon APEX Complaints Convey Personal Jurisdiction in Amazon Seller's Forum

March 26, 2024 Publication

To Mark or Not to Mark? U.S. Patent Holders Should Take Time to Carefully Consider Their Patent Marking

February 28, 2024 Publication

To Mark or Not to Mark? U.S. Patent Holders Should Take Time to Carefully Consider Their Patent Marking

January 29, 2024 Firm News

Thirty-One Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Recognized on 2024 Illinois Super Lawyers List

August 17, 2023 Firm News

55 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Included in 2024 *Best Lawyers In America*

July 27, 2023 Publication

Client Alert: Federal Circuit Court Affirms Inducement of Patent Claims Found Invalid by PTAB

June 9, 2023 Event

Firm Hosts Intellectual Property 102 Webinar Series

May 18, 2023 Firm News

NGE Receives Community Partner Honor from Center for Advancing Domestic Peace

05.04.23 Publication

Mike Turner and Lee Stark Author Article "INFORM Consumers Act Aims to Curb Online Sales of Counterfeit Goods"

02.06.23 Publication

Client Alert: INFORM Act Aimed to Curb Online Sales of Counterfeit Goods

August 5, 2022 Publication

Client Alert: Proposed Bill Clarifies What Can Be Patented



November 5, 2021 Firm News

Mike Turner Named to *Crain's* 2021 Notable Veteran Executives

October 25, 2021 Publication

Registering Trademarks in the Cannabis Space

July 28, 2021 Publication

Can Patent Standing Be Cured?

May 27, 2021 Publication

Client Alert: U.S. Supreme Court Makes It Easier To Avoid Method Patents Requiring Multiple Actors

May 27, 2021 Publication

The Debate Over Divided Infringement: Choosing the Lesser Evil

May 27, 2021 In The Media

Mike Turner Quoted in Law360 on *Limelight Networks Inc. v. Akamai Technologies Inc.*

May 27, 2021 Publication

Troubleshooting the PARTS Act

May 27, 2021 Publication

The Divide Over the Divided Infringement Defense

May 27, 2021 Publication

Client Alert: Significant Patent Reform on the Horizon

May 27, 2021 Publication

Can Lack of Knowledge Still Prevent a Finding of Induced Infringement?

May 27, 2021 Publication

The Future of the Corroboration Requirement in Patent Law

May 27, 2021 Publication

Trafficking in Trademarks

May 27, 2021 Publication

Client Alert: Federal Circuit Reaffirms That Business Methods Are Still Patentable

April 1, 2021 Publication

Client Alert: Congress Orders Imposition of Shipping Restrictions on Vaporizer Devices, Components, and Accessories

November 5, 2020 Publication

Mike Turner, Kate Nye and Andrea Fuelleman Article "Acting Responsibly" Published in Intellectual Property Magazine

June 15, 2020 Firm News

The Legal 500 United States 2020 Edition Recommends Five Neal Gerber Eisenberg Practices and 21 Attorneys



August 13, 2018 In The Media

Mike Turner Quoted in *World Intellectual Property Review*

August 1, 2018 Publication

Client Alert: Federal Circuit Upholds Joint Infringement Defense in On-Going Akamai Litigation

August 1, 2018 Publication

Client Alert: Federal Circuit Weakens the Presumption against Means-Plus-Function Claim Interpretation—Structural Support Significant for Functional Claiming

August 1, 2018 Publication

Client Alert: Federal Circuit Resolves Divided Infringement Dispute by Broadening “Direction and Control” Standard

July 30, 2018 Publication

Client Alert: Supreme Court Lowers the Standard for Obtaining Enhanced Damages for Patent Infringement

July 26, 2018 Publication

What Has Changed After *Halo*

July 9, 2018 Firm News

Firm Secures a Significant Victory for Client Sedecal (Sociedad Española de Electromedicina y Calidad, S.A.) in the U.S. District Court in North Carolina

July 9, 2018 Firm News

41 Neal Gerber Eisenberg Attorneys Listed in 2016 Illinois Super Lawyers

July 6, 2018 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Reverses Default Judgment for VSN Mobil

July 6, 2018 Firm News

Neal Gerber Eisenberg Secures Trademark Win for Vacation Rental Partners, LLC

June 27, 2018 In The Media

Mike Turner Quoted in *Law360*