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education

- J.D., Duke Law School, High Honors, Order of the Coif
- M.S., Electrical Engineering, Duke University
- B.S., Education and History, University of Wisconsin

expertise

Patent Prosecution • Patent Reexamination and Inter-Partes Review (IPR) • Patent Due Diligence • Patent Analysis and Opinions

Mike loves the art and science of patent law. He strives to master the technical and legal issues of every case he handles, be it a patent application, patent opinion, or patent litigation. He believes that clarity of thought and expression, rooted in legal, technical, and factual understanding, are the cornerstones of effective patent advocacy.

During his 25+ year career, Mike has prepared and prosecuted patent applications and represented clients in high-stakes patent negotiations and in litigations. He has represented clients in USPTO post-grant proceedings, including reexamination and inter partes review. He has counseled clients regarding patent infringement and validity and written patent opinions, including high-stakes freedom-to-operate opinions. He has helped clients manage and monetize large patent portfolios. He has also helped clients develop their patent programs. His experience spans various technology industries, including integrated circuit design, deep learning, mobile devices, interactive media, medical imaging, computer vision, telecommunications, microwave guides, digital displays, photonic devices, alternative energy, superconductors, and biological analysis instruments.

Distinguishing himself in legal scholarship, Mike has published articles and given speeches about patent matters throughout his career. From 2000–2016, he contributed regularly to several editions of “Electronic and Software Patents, Law and Practice,” a treatise published by the Bureau of National Affairs and later Bloomberg/BNA. His primary contribution addressed major issues in interpreting patent claims in the U.S. More recently, he has given talks on overcoming 101 rejections in the field of bioinformatics, handling examiner interviews, and drafting patent applications, and he has published articles regarding patenting AI inventions.

Mike is proud of co-founding Mauriel Kapouytian Woods LLP (MKW) in 2007 and, for 17 years, helping build it into a nationally respected IP boutique. At the time of its 2024 merger with Maschoff Brennan, MKW was the only firm under 40 lawyers to receive—for 2023 and 2024—a National Tier 1 ranking in Patent Law from US News and World Report Best Law Firms.

Mike co-chairs Maschoff Brennan’s patent prosecution department.



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Artificial Intelligence

Automotive

Computers & Databases

Electric Systems

Clean Technology & Renewable Energy

Health Care

Manufacturing

Medical Devices

Networking & Wireless Technology

Optical Technology

Outdoor Recreation & Sporting Goods

Patent Litigation

Opinions & Counseling

Patent Prosecution

Semiconductor

Software

Telecommunications

- professional admissions & associations

- California State Bar
- New York State Bar
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

- publications & presentations

Publications

- Patenting Artificial Intelligence Inventions: Introduction and Selected Issues, Originally published in NYSBA *Bright Ideas*, Summer 2020, Vol. 29 No. 2, pp. 4-10. Reprinted by permission of the New York State Bar Association
- Chapter 8: Claim Interpretation for Patent Drafters in *Electronic and Software Patents, Law and Practice*, 4th Edition, published by Bloomberg BNA and AIPLA in 2016 and updated regularly (earlier editions published in 2000, 2005, and 2011)
- Supplement to "Patent Portfolio Development" in *Electronic and Software Patents* (2001)
- "Patent Reexamination's Problem: The Power to Amend," in the *Duke Law Journal*, October 1996