

Michael R. Langer

Partner
Industry Group Chair, Life Sciences and Chemical

Overview

Mike serves as Chair of the firm's Life Sciences and Chemical industry group. He is a strategic partner and advisor to clients including major research universities, emerging and mid-sized companies, and Fortune 500 corporations around the world.

He assists clients with all of their patent needs including preparation and prosecution, strategic counseling, commercialization, and portfolio management.

Mike has considerable experience with a broad range of technologies. In his role as Chair of the Life Sciences and Chemical industry team, he ensures the firm's attorneys and professionals remain at the forefront of emerging technologies and issues impacting the biological and chemical industries.

His chemical experience includes:

- Alloys
- Analytical reagents
- Antibodies
- Biopolymers
- Catalysts
- Ceramics and glasses
- Chemical processing methods
- Coatings
- Consumer products
- Dyes and Pigments
- Food products
- Insecticides
- Ionic liquids
- Liquid crystals
- Luminescent compounds
- Metallurgy



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Industries

Cannabis
Higher Education
Life Sciences
Water

Practices

Intellectual Property
Patent

- Pharmaceutical compounds, compositions and formulations
- Polymers
- Polypeptides, Nucleic Acids, Lipids, and Bioconjugates
- Pulp and paper
- Water purification methods

Mike's life science experience includes:

- Bioinformatics
- Diagnostics
- Drug delivery systems
- Laboratory equipment
- Medical devices
- Medical and biological imaging (e.g. fluorescence imaging, magnetic resonance imaging, radiography, spectroscopy, thermography)
- Research tools
- Therapeutics (small and large molecules, biomolecules and immunotherapeutics)

Mike works extensively with large research institutions and universities across the country. He helped develop and implement the firm's University Patent Practice, which provides a variety of features designed to develop close working relationships with technology transfer offices and faculty, and to enable Michael Best to serve as a strategic partner to our university clients.

Mike helps universities and other clients navigate the complex legal and regulatory landscape to protect their IP and capitalize on the value of their inventions. In addition to his patent practice, Mike also counsels clients on trademark and copyright matters.

Prior to becoming a patent practitioner, Mike worked for several years in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries and in academic research. Before joining the firm, he worked for six years at an intellectual property law boutique in Portland, Oregon.

Professional Activities

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, American Chemical Society

Education

- University of Wisconsin Law School, Juris Doctor (J.D.), *magna cum laude*, 2004; Order of the Coif
- University of Utah, Master of Science (M.S.), 2000; Chemistry
- St. Olaf College, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), *cum laude*; Chemistry

Admissions

- Oregon - Inactive
- Utah
- Wisconsin
- United States District Court, District of Oregon
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

Community Involvement

- Micro-Enterprise Investor's Program of Oregon, 2009-2010
- City Club of Portland, 2006-2010
- Oregon Entrepreneur Network, 2009-2010
- Board of Directors, RESPIRE, 2009-2010
- Board of Directors, Opera for the Young, 2011-2013
- Volunteer Baseball Coach, Millcreek Community Center, 2013-2016
- Volunteer Baseball Coach, Central City Baseball, 2015-present

Related News

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Updates: The 2018 U.S. Farm Bill, New Investments in Canadian Cannabis & Hemp Companies, and Recent USPTO Decision Create Movement for 2019