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Michael Schiff focuses his practice on developing intellectual property portfolios through a prosecution and acquisition strategy that is tailored for each client in accordance with their corporate objectives.

Michael prepares and prosecutes patent applications, determines freedom to operate, and does portfolio valuation and due diligence in the context of corporate transactions and licensing. He helps clients optimize their investment in intellectual property in view of product release dates, economic constraints, technology life cycle, and potential financing opportunities.

As a cost-effective approach to patent prosecution, Michael regularly visits the Patent Office to negotiate commercially valuable coverage with patent examiners. He has obtained patents in a variety of technology areas including biotherapeutics,

medical devices, gene sequencing, nautical mechanics, new chemical entities, microfluidics, clean energy, and power management systems. He also does pro bono work in the field of immigration law.

Concurrently with his position at Kilpatrick, Michael is in-house counsel for CHO Plus, Inc., a biotechnology start-up located in South San Francisco, California. CHO Plus has a technology for increasing production of biological drugs and viral vectors by cultured cells. Kilpatrick represented CHO Plus before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to obtain the first patents for this technology.

Before entering the practice of law, Michael did laboratory research on the cell biology of vesicularized molecular transport. In the course of the project, he programmed computer models for Monte Carlo simulation of ligand-receptor binding kinetics. He was awarded the Hardi Cinader Graduate Student Prize at the University of Toronto. He has also served as Director of Intellectual Property for Geron Corporation in Menlo Park, and Vice President of Intellectual Property for Meyer Pharmaceuticals.

When not engaged in intellectual property law, Michael is an occasional endurance athlete, participating in triathlons and team adventure races in the U.S. and abroad.

Education

University of Toronto M.B.A. Securities Valuation

University of Toronto J.D.

University of Toronto Ph.D. Immunology

Admissions

Massachusetts (2010)

California (2017)

Court Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (1996)

U.S. Supreme Court (2015)

Insights

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