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Overview

Mike Hess is an associate and registered patent attorney with the intellectual property law firm of Seager, Tufte, & Wickhem. He is based in the firm's Minneapolis, Minnesota office.

Mike is focused on assisting clients in all aspects of patent and trademark portfolio management and strategy, including U.S. and foreign preparation, prosecution, searches, opinions, and agreements.

Prior to joining Seager, Tufte, & Wickhem in 2011, Mike worked as an intellectual property attorney at a law firm in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Following law school, Mike was an Examiner for the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) where he examined patent applications in the field of electromechanical manufacturing. Born in St. Cloud Minnesota, Mike received his J.D. from Marquette University Law School, his M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Minnesota, and his B.S. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Wisconsin.

Mike is licensed to practice in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the state courts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and California. He is a member of the Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association (MIPLA), American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA), and the International Trademark Association (INTA). He regularly guest lectures on intellectual property topics at local universities.

Practice Areas

- Patent portfolio analysis, strategy, and management – domestic and foreign
- Patent preparation and prosecution - domestic and foreign
- Freedom to Operate (FTO) analysis
- Non-infringement and invalidity analyses
- Trademark Portfolio analysis, strategy, and management – domestic and foreign
- Trademark clearance analyses

Industry Specifics / Specialties

- Control Systems
- Electromechanical
- Manufacturing
- Mechanical Arts
- Medical Devices
- Recreation Devices and Systems
- User Interfaces

Education

- Marquette University Law School
J.D.
- University of Minnesota
M.S. Mechanical Engineering
- University of Wisconsin
B.S. Industrial Engineering

Bar Admissions

- USPTO (2005)
- Wisconsin (2006)
- California (2006)
- Minnesota (2009)
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Professional Affiliations

- MIPLA
- AIPLA
- MSBA
- INTA