

## Michael E. Benson

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Michael Benson is an Associate in the firm's Mechanical and Aerospace Practice Group, with a focus on patent preparation and prosecution as well as patentability searches and opinions.

Michael earned an undergraduate degree from the University at Buffalo in Mathematical Physics. While an undergraduate student, Michael enhanced his scientific expertise by co-authoring journal articles published in peer-reviewed journals and by presenting his research at several research conferences.

While a law student, Michael participated in the Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic at the University of Notre Dame. At the Clinic, Michael advised clients on the patentability of their inventions and assisted clients in patent preparation and prosecution. Michael was an Articles Editor for the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy, Treasurer of the Intellectual Property Law Society, and a member of the Sports, Communications, and Entertainment Law Forum. Michael earned a law degree from the University of Notre Dame in May 2019.

Prior to joining the firm, Michael worked as a law clerk at a boutique law firm, with a practice focus on intellectual property litigation. He also served as a judicial intern for the United States District Court for the Western District of New York.

### Areas of Practice

- Mechanical/Aerospace
- Patents

### Bar Admissions

- Ohio, 2019



## Education

- **Notre Dame Law School**, Notre Dame, Indiana
  - J.D. – 2019
  - Honors: cum laude
  - Law Journal: Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy, Articles Editor, 2017 – 2019
- **University at Buffalo**, Buffalo, New York
  - B.S. – 2016
  - Honors: summa cum laude
  - Honors: Dean's List
  - Honors: With High Honors
  - Major: Mathematical Physics

## Published Works

- Patent Litigators Playing Cowboys and Indians at the PTAB, 94 Notre Dame L. Rev. Online, 3, 2019

## Fraternities/Sororities

- Phi Beta Kappa

