



Ryan Schnee – Schnee IP Law PLLC

Ryan M. Schnee is a distinguished patent attorney with nearly a decade of experience in the intellectual property field. As the founder and Managing Member of Schnee IP Law, a modern and cutting-edge law firm based in New York City, Ryan specializes in design patents, green technology, and other emerging industries. His extensive background as a former patent examiner provides him with a unique perspective and a deep understanding of the patent system, enabling him to navigate the complexities faced by innovators with precision and expertise.

Under his leadership, Schnee IP Law delivers high-quality, cost-effective, and tailored IP solutions to a diverse range of clients, from individual inventors to large corporations. The firm excels in preparing and prosecuting patents across various disciplines, including design patents, chemistry, chemical engineering, materials science, software, and biomedicine. Additionally, Ryan offers strategic counsel on IP strategy, freedom to operate analyses, and litigation support, effectively managing complex global patent portfolios and achieving multiple fast allowances for clients.

Ryan is a respected member of the New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA) and serves as a career advisor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. His expertise and insights have been featured in numerous publications and forums, establishing him as a thought leader in patent policy and practice.

Ryan Schnee is also an expert in design patents and has been instrumental in assisting designers in the fashion, consumer products, and industrial design fields in utilizing the patent system to protect their aesthetic and ornamental innovations following the groundbreaking decisions in *LKQ Corp. v. GM Global Tech. Operations LLC*, No. 21-2348 (Fed. Cir. 2024), *Curver Luxembourg v. Home Expressions*, 938 F.3d 1334 (Fed. Cir. 2019), and *In re SurgiSil*, 14 F.4th 1380 (Fed. Cir. 2021). His specialized knowledge ensures that clients can effectively safeguard their unique designs in an evolving legal landscape.

Ryan holds a J.D., cum laude, from American University Washington College of Law and a B.Ch.E., with honors, from the University of Delaware. He is admitted to practice in New Jersey, New York, and before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

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Joshua M. Herman focuses his practice on U.S. and foreign utility and design patent applications. Joshua is experienced in developing and implementing strategies for building global patent portfolios, including prosecuting utility and design patents and maintenance of trade secrets. Joshua's experience includes counseling in technological areas such as orthopedics and other medical devices, fabrics and laminates, wearable devices, aerospace technology such as drones, athletic equipment, and agricultural technology. He is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Prior to becoming an attorney, Joshua worked in the aerospace industry in the development of piloted and autonomous rotorcraft.

Concentrations

- Legal

- Intellectual property counsel
- Global patent portfolio management
- Prosecution of U.S. and foreign patent applications
- U.S. and foreign design patent strategy
- Trade secrets

- Technical

- Medical devices, including prosthetic implants, surgical tools, wearable devices, and diagnostic tests
- Fabrics, including waterproof and breathable laminates, flame-retardant laminates and garments, stretchable laminates
- Aerospace technology, including satellite structures and operation processes, drones, and fastening hardware

- Agricultural technology, including in-ground sensors, irrigation planning, and information-driven application of pesticides
- Medical imaging systems and processes
- Semiconductor manufacturing processes
- Software and business methods: telecommunications, health care information systems, airport information solutions

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Capabilities

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| [IP Technology Licensing & Transactions](#) | [Pharmaceutical, Medical Device & Health Care](#) | [Trade Secrets](#)
| [Transportation](#) | [Aviation](#)

Experience

Internship

- Judicial Intern, Hon. John E. Sprizzo, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Summer 2004

Noteworthy Experience

- Engineer, Schweizer Aircraft Corporation, 2000-2003

Credentials

Education

- J.D., Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law – Yeshiva University, 2006
 - Managing Editor, *Cardozo Arts and Entertainment Law Journal*
 - Member, Intellectual Property Law Society
- B.S., Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Cornell University, 1999

Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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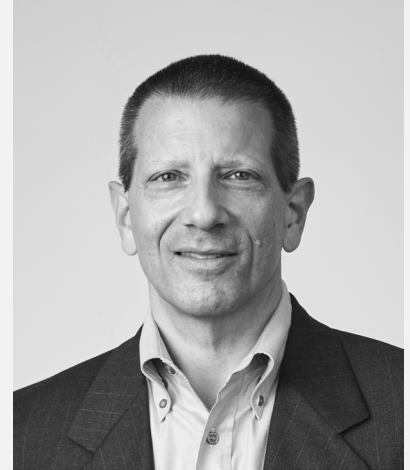
IPR Petitions as a Tool in Settlement Discussions

Robert M. Isackson

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Robert Isackson is an accomplished front-line IP litigator who approaches client service by working with the client to identify the problem in the business context. Then, using his diverse experience to bring a fresh perspective, he identifies key issues and develops creative and cost-effective strategies that align with the client's business objectives to move its business forward. Providing front end clarity to reduce and manage client risk, Rob has nine patent and two arbitration trials under his belt and led litigation teams in over sixty patent and other IP cases filed in more than twenty states. Rob also translates his broad litigation experience to help clients with IP due diligence, freedom-to-operate opinions, procurement, and transactions. He has obtained more than two hundred U.S. patents and advised on dozens of IP deals and various technologies. In its 2021 rankings, IAM Patent 1000 said this: "Isackson applies a practical, common-sense approach and has the ability to explain complex matters simply, yet precisely. Unlike many lawyers, he doesn't equivocate, but provides direct and useful advice. He is insightful about how intellectual property can be employed to drive value for a company."

Beyond client work, Rob is an immediate past president of the New York Intellectual Property Law Association, a Board Member since 2015, and active on its Amicus and Legislation committees. Since 2012 he has served on the Intellectual Property Owners Association Amicus and Trade Secret Committees. Rob has helped author over a dozen amicus briefs and regularly speaks on IP issues, from ethics to biosimilars, at association meetings. Rob holds J.D. and B.S.E.E. degrees from the University of Michigan. Before law school, Rob fried circuits in an electronics design lab, worked in an auto factory, and washed dishes at a Utah ski resort, which encouraged him to meld his passion for technology with advocacy to become an IP lawyer.



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Education

- University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 1982
- University of Michigan College of Engineering, B.S.E., Electrical Engineering, magna cum laude, 1978

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Registered Patent Attorney: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- Pro Hac Vice admissions in other U.S. District Courts

Court Admissions (Continued)

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Experience

- Venable LLP, Partner, 2016-2018
- Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Partner, 1995-2016
- Davis, Hoxie, Faithfull & Hapgood LLP, Partner, 1991-1995
- Fish & Neave, Associate, 1982-1991

Memberships

- New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA), Former President, Board of Directors, Member
 - Amicus Briefs Committee (former Co-Chair), Member
 - Legislative Action Committee, Member
 - Litigation Committee, Member, 2010-2016
- Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO), Member
 - Amicus Committee (by invitation)
 - Trade Secrets Committee (former Vice- Chair)
 - U.S. Patent Law Committee

Community Service

- University of Michigan, Alumni Recruiter
- The Community Chest serving Englewood, Tenaflly and Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Board of Managers, 2007-2016
- Tenaflly United Soccer Club, Coach, 2006-2011

Honors

- Intellectual Asset Management Patent 1000 rankings
- New York Law Journal-Martindale-Hubbell Top AV Rating, AV Preeminent Rating
- Managing Intellectual Property IP Star
- New York Super Lawyers
- Euromoney's LMG Clean Tech/Renewable Energy IP Star
- Chambers USA Leading Lawyer in Intellectual Property Patent Litigation
- The Legal 500 Leading Lawyer in Intellectual Property: Patent Litigation: Full Coverage
- Tau Beta Pi
- Eta Kappa Nu
- Vulcans Honorary Society



Joseph Micali is a partner in Pryor Cashman's Patent Prosecution and Litigation Practice and a member of the firm's Intellectual Property and Litigation Groups, where he handles all aspects of patent prosecution practice before the USPTO, disputes involving patent infringement, trade secret misappropriation, Lanham Act violations, and unfair competition, preparation of intellectual property transaction documents and agreements, and intellectual property due diligence. Joseph previously served as a patent examiner with the USPTO, handling patent applications in the chemical and material engineering arts. Joseph graduated from the Johns Hopkins University with a B.S. in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he was the Senior Notes Editor of the Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal.