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BRIAN P. MURPHY is an Administrative Patent Judge serving on the Patent Trial and Appeal Board of the United States Patent & Trademark Office in Alexandria, VA. A graduate of the University of Virginia and Fordham University School of Law, Judge Murphy is a registered patent attorney and member of the New York State Bar. Judge Murphy was a private practitioner from 1985 through September 2013, during which time he maintained an active patent litigation, due diligence, counseling, and prosecution practice, with particular expertise in Hatch-Waxman pharmaceutical patent litigation. Judge Murphy also has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law. He now presides over AIA post grant patent trials as a member of the PTAB.



Louis W. Beardell, Jr. is a partner in Morgan Lewis's Intellectual Property Practice. Mr. Beardell's practice focuses on intellectual property matters in connection with transactions, strategy, and litigation across several industries. He has experience with life science companies, particularly biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical device, and food science companies; venture capital funds; and chemical companies. He has counseled clients on patents, patent due diligence, and patent validity and freedom to operate opinions; developed patent strategies; managed patent portfolios; and handled trade secrets matters.

Mr. Beardell has negotiated and prepared licensing and purchase agreements, product and service supply agreements, collaboration agreements, research agreements, consulting agreements, patent litigation settlement agreements, and material transfer agreements with domestic and international clients. He also has procured business method patents and evaluated patent validity and freedom to operate for computer and business method inventions.

Mr. Beardell lectures on intellectual property topics in international, national, and regional intellectual property and business associations. He also lectures in top law school and business school intellectual property and entrepreneur classes.

Mr. Beardell is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.



Michael F. Snyder

Professional Experience

Michael's practice focuses on assisting clients with overall intellectual portfolio management including patent, trademark and copyright prosecution and litigation. Michael also assists clients with due diligence matters including intellectual property licensing and acquisitions.

Client Work

Michael assists clients in managing their entire intellectual property portfolios, including prosecuting patents and trademarks, both domestic and foreign, transactional matters and due diligence matters. Michael's experience in inter parte matters includes litigation and alternative dispute resolution proceedings concerning patents, trademarks, trade dress, unfair competition, non-competition agreements, trade-secrets and internet domain names.

Michael's clients vary from local "startups" to companies having a worldwide footprint, over a wide range of industries and technologies. His work has included handling trade dress litigation for a national casino chain, obtaining trademark protection for restaurant chains, managing the worldwide patent portfolio for a global electronic components company, reviewing copyright agreements for authors, and litigating patent and trademark disputes in the field of action sports.