

Testimonials

"My team could not have hoped for a better IP advisor than Mike Schacht."
— Ross Clawson | President, Homax Group

"For more than 15 years, Mike has been our go-to resource on intellectual property matters. In our case that means trademarks, copyrights, and mission-critical patents. Mike not only helped Homax obtain meaningful coverage, he helped us develop an effective overall IP strategy, too. Mike and his team have been deeply supportive during multiple M&A transactions. Timing in these transactions is always critical, and Schacht Law Office met every deadline ahead of schedule. Our counterparties in these transactions have been very complimentary of the quality of the patent construction. In short, my team could not have hoped for a better IP advisor than Mike Schacht. I would highly recommend using Schacht Law Office to anyone seeking to create enterprise value with intellectual property.

— Ross Clawson | President, Homax Group

"We had tried working with a large patent law firm, but the attorney they sent down did not seem to understand the technology as well. Mike's technical expertise makes the patent application process easier and more efficient for us.

— John White | CEO, APE

"Mike has developed a system that maximizes our company's patent portfolio while minimizing expenses. The fixed fee cost estimates let us budget with a high level of confidence. This combination makes his legal services and counsel a very cost-effective investment for us. In addition, though we communicate mainly by e-mail and telephone (we meet face to face less than once a year), he responds very promptly—he has often been able to file applications within days when necessary. With his technical experience and savvy, Mike picks up on a technology rapidly.

— Dave Brown | CEO, Roy-G-Biv Corporation



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protecting investments in new
products and technologies

Protecting innovation with counsel and craftsmanship

Safeguarding your clients' investments

Your clients invest a great deal of time, effort, and money to develop innovative technologies. They then invest even more to manufacture, distribute, and market the products that embody these technologies.

Schacht Law Office helps your clients identify, secure, and maintain their intellectual property rights. Intellectual property—patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets—allow its owner to control the commercialization of inventions, goodwill, works of authorship, and other commercial work product. By protecting these rights and taking steps to avoid infringing the rights of others, you can invest in new products with confidence that

these investments will pay off in the form of increased profits and market share.

Without intellectual property protection, your competitors can simply adopt the technologies or features that give your products a competitive advantage. Providing competitors with free search and development services is clearly not a recipe for success.

Schacht Law Office helps you to protect the value of your business by preventing others from marketing products or services that make use of your investment in intellectual property.

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Trust and courtesy

Michael R. Schacht is the founder and owner of Schacht Law Office, Inc. Mike combines solid engineering knowledge with a strong background in patent and trademark prosecution. The primary goal of Schacht Law Office is to provide our clients with intellectual property guidance and assistance tailored to their needs. To that end, Mike has limited his practice to issues related to intellectual property. He values the associate relationships he has established with other professionals and takes care to refer mutual clients to his associates when he encounters issues outside of the scope of his practice.

Mike's education, background, and experience allow Schacht Law Office to provide legal expertise that you would expect to find in large cities, and our small town location allow us to offer highly responsive, courteous service at a reasonable cost.

Schacht Law Office Services

Patents & Trademarks
Searches and Patentability Opinions
US Applications
Foreign Applications
Patent Opinions
Validity and Infringement
Right to Use
Patent Licensing
Intellectual Property Planning
Intellectual Property Plus
Patent Plus
Intellectual Property Training Seminars

Intellectual Property Planning Services

Intellectual Property Plus A company-wide plan to make the best intellectual property choices based on budget, time, and resources.

Patent Plus A product-specific intellectual property plan that helps you make early-stage decisions and modifications that will strengthen your intellectual property protection.

Schacht Law Office Resources

Technical Insight

Mike has a degree in Electrical Engineering and has extensive experience in the electrical, software, mechanical, and simple chemical arts. He aggressively searches for product features that can be legally protected.

Business Acumen

Mike works closely with his clients and thus has significant experience with business issues—finance, manufacturing, operations, and marketing—beyond intellectual property. This experience allows Mike to provide comprehensive legal advice that is appropriate for a particular business.

Legal Background

Mike has over 25 years of intellectual property experience. He has prepared and prosecuted over

900 hundred design and utility patent applications. He's obtained and is currently maintaining hundreds of active trademark registrations.

Experienced Staff

Schacht Law Office employs a professional, courteous, and highly responsive staff with over fifty years of cumulative experience in intellectual property law.

Foreign Associates

We maintain associate relationships with intellectual property law firms in the major industrialized countries. Our foreign associates have been selected based on reliability, timeliness, and the quality of their work. Our network of foreign associates allows us to coordinate intellectual property procurement and enforcement efforts on behalf of our clients throughout the world.

Procurements and Planning Services

Your client can choose the level of intellectual property services that is appropriate.

Support for In-House Counsel

Clients with in-house intellectual property expertise are capable of determining strategy. Schacht Law Office will assist these clients with patent procurement, as is necessary to carry out their predetermined strategy.

Intellectual Property Planning Services

For companies or individuals without significant intellectual property expertise, Schacht Law Office can assist the client in developing a company-wide or product-specific intellectual property plan.

An intellectual property plan lists the options available to the client in a given situation and contains an estimate of the costs of these options. The client can make informed decisions and budget based on the selected options.

■ Company IP Plan

An intellectual property plan for guiding company-wide intellectual property decisions. A company IP plan can be written to complement a company's business plan. A company IP plan typically defines a company's policies related to trade secrets, stimulating and evaluating invention disclosures, employee non-disclosure, non-compete and assignment agreements, and patent and trademark procurement priorities.

■ Product IP Plan

An intellectual property plan tailored to the development of a specific product or group of related products. A product IP plan defines the options and costs for protecting a new product and allows the product developer to budget for appropriate intellectual property protection. A typical product IP plan would identify potentially patentable features of a product, propose patentability and right-to-use searches, and identify and search any trademarks associated with the product.