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Education

- University of San Francisco School of Law, JD
- The University of Texas at Austin, BS, Electrical Engineering
- The University of Texas at Austin, BA

Practices & Industries

- Patents & Prosecution
- Trademarks, Copyrights & Licensing
- Intellectual Property Litigation

Admitted to Practice

- Massachusetts
- California (Inactive)
- US Patent and Trademark Office

Biography

Michele helps innovators and companies secure strong intellectual property protection in the United States and around the world. Drawing on a background in electrical engineering and nearly three decades of patent experience, she counsels clients in the software, artificial intelligence, wireless technology, climate tech, and health tech industries.

Michele guides clients through every stage of patent and trademark procurement—from identifying what is protectable to preparing, filing, and prosecuting applications that stand up to scrutiny. She builds and manages domestic and international portfolios for clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to emerging companies and startups, and she tailors her strategic guidance to each client's business goals, supporting product launches, licensing programs, acquisitions, and growth while navigating complex legal and technological landscapes.

Bar Associations

- Boston Bar Association
- Women’s Bar Association of Massachusetts, Emeritus Board Member and Past President

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts
- Barclay Damon Women’s Forum
- Women’s Bar Foundation, Board of Trustees

Representative Experience

- Secured hundreds of patents for Fortune 500 companies in cloud computing, wireless communications, data security and authentication, and AI and automation.
- Built and managed a portfolio of more than 100 patents for a telecommunications company, generating licensing revenue and supporting successful acquisitions.
- Developed patent and trademark portfolios for health tech innovators, including monitoring devices, therapeutic devices, and software platforms.
- Developed IP strategies for climate tech companies, including solar energy conversion, wave energy conversion, and energy monitoring and management.
- Prosecuted patent and trademark applications for emerging companies in mobile computing, streaming, and cybersecurity.
- Secured and managed IP rights in foreign jurisdictions, including Europe, Canada, Japan, India, and China.
- Counseled startups in Boston and Cambridge accelerators on building strategic IP positions.

Prior Experience

- Cesari and McKenna, LLP, Senior Counsel
- Sunstein LLP, Of Counsel
- North Shore Patents, PC, Founder
- Contract Patent Attorney, California and Massachusetts
- Sawyer Law Group, Partner
- Minami and Tamaki, Associate

Selected Honors

- Selected to *Super Lawyers* Massachusetts: Intellectual Property, 2018–2026
- *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, Top Women of Law, 2018
- *Boston Magazine*, Rising Star, 2016
- Selected to *Super Lawyers* New England Rising Stars: Intellectual Property, 2015