



Michael G. Rodriguez Managing Partner, Austin Office

Attorney Bio

Michael G. Rodriguez is the managing partner of Munck Wilson Mandala's Austin office, and he is part of the technology/intellectual property law group. Michael's practice emphasizes patent and trademark preparation and prosecution and includes domestic and international patent procurement and enforcement; analysis of infringement and invalidity in support of litigation. Michael also counsels clients on copyright and trademark enforcement and compliance. Michael's clients work in a variety of industries, including construction, electronics, retail, restaurant, telecommunications, pet-care, vehicle manufacturing, and energy.

Michael has experience prosecuting and defending reexaminations in a variety of technical areas including power electronic devices, computer software, and semiconductor devices.

Prior to joining Munck Wilson Mandala, Michael worked as an associate at a prominent Dallas-based intellectual property boutique. Before attending law school, Michael was employed as a registered professional engineer with TXU, with senior engineering status.

Michael is an officer in the United States Navy Reserves, having achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He has received numerous commendations, including those for his actions during active duty in Iraq from July 2005 to April 2006 and Afghanistan from January 2011 to September 2011.

Practice Areas

Copyrights
IP Audits and Legal Opinions
IP Due Diligence
IP Portfolio Management and Counseling
Patents
Trade Secrets
Trademarks

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Education

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law
Fort Worth, Texas 2005
Juris Doctor
Honors: Moot Court Honor Society
Texas A&M University
College Station, Texas 1991
B.S. Electrical Engineering

Bar Admissions

Texas, 2005
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Representative Experience

- Responsible for domestic patent procurement for major telecommunications equipment manufacturer.
- Represented numerous technology clients to successfully obtain domestic and international patent protection for hundreds of inventions in varied technologies.
- Represented Navy Veteran to successfully resolve Uniformed Services Rights and Reemployment Act claim against a real estate franchise.
- Performed portfolio analysis and due diligence for patent licensors and licensees in various high-value commercial transactions.
- Performed defensive review and invalidity analysis of patents asserted by a vending machine manufacturer as part of licensing negotiations.
- Represented small business owner to successfully resolve

Honors and Awards

Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce Leadership Class of 2017

Top Latino Lawyer 2016-2019
Latino Leaders Magazine

Texas Super Lawyer, Thomson Reuters
2015 - 2020

Texas Rising Star, Thomson Reuters
2012, 2015

Dallas Bar Foundation, Fellow

copyright infringement claim against a regional
competitor.

- Provided litigation support both against accusations of
infringement and to enforce patents against infringers for
clients in various technological fields.

Presentations & Published Works

Enforcing Your Patent Portfolio: Tips to think about before
enforcing your patents; Michael Rodriguez and Kelly Chen,
Inside Counsel, June 3, 2014.

Setting Your Business up for Success: Building a strong IP
portfolio; Michael Rodriguez and Michael Phipps, Inside
Counsel, May 20, 2014.

The Sword and the Shield: Building an offensive and
defensive patent portfolio; Michael Rodriguez and Wallace
Dunwoody, Inside Counsel, May 6, 2014.

Perfecting Patent Portfolio Management in the 21st Century;
Michael Rodriguez and Jacob LaCombe, Inside Counsel,
April 8, 2014.

Professional Associations & Memberships

State Bar of Texas

Dallas Bar Association

Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, member

Con Mi Madre, Mothers and Daughters Raising
Expectations, member

DivInc, Austin accelerator for diverse entrepreneurs, mentor

Aggie Bar Association

Licensed Professional Engineer (inactive) in the state of
Texas