

Michael W. Starkweather

Michael W. Starkweather received his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering in 1985 from the University of Wisconsin, where he achieved the Engineering Dean's Honor List. In 1988 he received his J.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin, College of Law, where he interned for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Mr. Starkweather exclusively focuses his practice in corporate law and intellectual property law. He began his distinguished career as a Patent Examiner in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Mr. Starkweather has served as an in-house Patent Attorney for several major corporations, including Xerox Corporation, AT&T/NCR, Micron Semiconductor and IBM. He also worked as the Chief Patent Counsel for the CTS Corporation.

I.P. portfolio management has been a major focus for Mr. Starkweather. He has developed tools for executives to clearly “value” I.P. portfolios involving thousands of patents. Those valuations have been used to negotiate hundred million dollar mergers, acquisitions, and licensing deals. With this portfolio view, he developed a corporate I.P. strategy for a major corporation that increased their patent portfolio by 844 percent in three years.

Mr. Starkweather has lectured about business and technology at Brigham Young University, taught law at the University of Phoenix and is currently teaching at the University of Utah on IP Valuation and Portfolio Management Strategies. Additionally for IBI Global, he has taught many seminars in Los Angeles and throughout the United States to thousands of Emerging Enterprises about intellectual property and its effect on business development.

Currently, Michael Starkweather is practicing patent law in Salt Lake City at his law firm, Advantia Law Group which he founded. He is available for interviews on the recent Apple settlement or in relation to corporate and patent law. His philosophy is that **“patents are a tool for the businessman to achieve strategic business objectives within given monetary restraints.”**