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Doug LaLone is an engineer, patent attorney, and partner at the firm, and he serves as chair of the firm's Strategic IP Practice Group which counsels

portfolio companies, PE, VC and IB firms on intellectual property strategies, due diligence and portfolio management. Doug works on both the buy and sell side of M&A transactions. Doug has successfully prosecuted and defended over 100 different Intellectual Property suits in numerous federal and state courts and appeals before the Sixth Circuit and Federal Court of Appeals. His cases have covered patent, trademark, trade secret, unfair competition, domain name, noncompete, and copyright infringement claims. He has prosecuted 100's of patent applications on numerous consumer and industrial products for middle market companies and routinely conducts brand clearances and prosecutes trademark applications to help clients protect their Intellectual Property positions.

Prior to joining Fishman Stewart, Doug was a named shareholder in his own intellectual property firm and a principal with another intellectual property law firm in Michigan. He also worked at Navistar International as an engineer in the body design department.

Doug has served as a judge for the Crain's Detroit Business M&A Awards and as president of the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) – Detroit. Doug is a member of the Michigan District Optimist Club and is an active member of Kensington Community Church.

Practice Areas

- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Patents
- IP Consulting and Transactional Services
- Trade Secrets
- Technology and E-Commerce
- Trademarks

Education

Valparaiso University J.D. (1991)

Purdue University B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology (1986)

Admitted

State of Michigan
State of Illinois
United States Patent and
Trademark Office
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals
Federal Court of Appeals

Organizations & Affiliations

Michigan Intellectual Property
Law Association
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