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Practice Areas

- Ediscovery

Education

- University of New Hampshire School of Law (formerly Franklin Pierce Law Center), J.D. (2004)
- Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN, B.A. in Biology (1999)

Professional Associations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

Experience

Mike joined Robins Kaplan LLP as an Ediscovery Attorney in 2012. His role within the Robins Kaplan LLP Ediscovery group is to consult with the firm's clients to develop tailored preservation and collection strategies that maximize efficiencies while reducing costs at every stage of the litigation cycle. Mike works on the ground-level with clients to make hard calls relative to preservation of potentially relevant information. He helps implement best practice strategies for collecting hard copy and electronic materials and provides guidance regarding document production options.

Before joining Robins Kaplan LLP, Mike spent seven years at 3M Company, where he contributed to discovery efforts in dozens of unique product liability matters. There he developed protocols to facilitate the efficient identification, collection, review and production of documents. Mike worked effectively with the legal teams to provide strategic avenues for quick resolution of the matters often combining his knowledge of science and his substantive knowledge of the client's product lines.

Before attending law school, Mike worked at 3M Company in the Bioanalytical Technology Division where his laboratory research led the development of biocompatible materials and robust genetic sequencing methods in support of the Human Genome Project. As a result of his research, Mike was listed as an inventor on U.S. Patent No. 6,617,136. During law school Mike spent a summer performing volunteer legal work for the Minnesota Justice Foundation and later completed an externship in Minneapolis. Mike has also served as a Guest Lecturer at the University of St. Thomas School of Law and was a panelist for the Minnesota State Bar Association CLE on "Legal Hold Best Practices."