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“I counsel clients on intellectual property matters with the goal of meeting their business needs.”

Mr. Blancke concentrates his practice in intellectual property law. In particular, he focuses his practice on assisting licensed patent attorneys in drafting patent applications related to technology in the mechanical and electro-mechanical arts. Additionally, Mr. Blancke conducts clearance/freedom-to-operate investigations to assist clients in strategically navigating existing patent portfolios while meeting their own business needs.

Intellectual Property

- Automotive
- Patent

Mr. Blancke joined Howard & Howard in 2014 as an intellectual property intern. During his internship, he attended law school in the evenings and worked full time to assist licensed patent attorneys in conducting patentability and freedom-to-operate investigations and drafting and prosecuting patent applications. Prior to joining Howard & Howard's Intellectual Property Intern Program, Mr. Blancke worked in the industry at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) as a launch support engineer and a product engineer. During his time with FCA, he developed and designed vehicle interior components and ensured these components met design specifications during the production launch of new vehicles.

Education

- Wayne State University Law School, 2018
 - J.D.

- Michigan State University, 2012
 - B.S., Mechanical Engineering

Admissions

- Michigan, 2019
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2024

Professional Achievements

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*, 2024-2027
- *Michigan Leading Lawyers*, "Emerging Lawyer," 2024-2025