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**Andy Balazer concentrates his intellectual property practice on counseling clients in patent matters, including global patent portfolio strategy, obtaining utility and design patent protection, addressing infringement risk, handling licensing and transactional matters, and consulting on other IP issues.**

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Before joining Bodman in October 2021, Andy was a shareholder in the Ann Arbor office of a nationally recognized patent and intellectual property law firm. He began his private practice legal career in the intellectual property department of an AmLaw50 global law firm where he focused on patent counselling and preparation/prosecution with a particular emphasis on mechanical and electromechanical technologies.

Andy holds an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering. Before becoming an attorney, he was an engineer in the automotive industry, working in chassis quality and development for Ford Motor Company and in automotive safety for Delphi Corporation.

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DePaul University College of Law, J.D.,  
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University of Michigan, B.S.M.E.,  
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## admissions

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Office

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

- *DBusiness* Magazine "Top Lawyers" 2024-2025, Intellectual Property and Patent Law; Litigation-Patents

## PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Who is an Inventor?" Bodman Intellectual Property Law Update (June 14, 2023)
- Co-author, "Opt Out Your European Patents as Unified Patent Court Comes Into Force," Bodman Intellectual Property Law Update (April 14, 2023)
- Co-author, "Patent & Trademark Office to Begin Issuing Electronic Patent Grants," Bodman Intellectual Property Law Update (March 17, 2023)