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Mike is the corporate head of Cooley's Denver office and a partner in Cooley's Boston office. He focuses on advising emerging and growth-stage life sciences and deep tech companies, as well as the funds that invest in them, on matters relating to corporate finance, corporate governance, licensing and other intellectual property-based transactions, M&A, and public offerings.

Mike's representative matters include new deals for:

- [Solstice Oncology](#)
- [Slate Medicines](#)
- [Monarch Quantum](#)
- [Strand Therapeutics](#)
- [TPG Life Sciences Innovations](#)
- [Superluminal Medicines](#)

### Publications

- Co-author, "A Modeling Study of T-Type Ca<sup>2+</sup> Channel Gating and Modulation by L-Cysteine in Rat Nociceptors," *Biophysical Journal* 98: 197 – 206, 2010
- Co-author, "Molecular Mechanisms of Subtype-Specific Inhibition of Neuronal T-Type Calcium Channels by Ascorbate," *Journal of Neuroscience* 27: 12577 – 1258, 2007
- Co-author, "Reducing Agents Sensitize C-Type Nociceptors by Relieving High-Affinity Zinc Inhibition of T-Type Calcium Channels," *Journal of Neuroscience* 27: 8250 – 8260, 2007
- Co-author, "Is There a Role for T-Type Calcium Channels in Peripheral and Central Pain Sensitization?" *Molecular Neurobiology* 34: 243 – 248, 2006
- Co-author, "The Role of T-Type Calcium Channels in Epilepsy and Pain," *Current Pharmaceutical Design* 12: 2189 – 2197, 2006
- Co-author, "The Endogenous Redox Agent L-Cysteine Induces T-Type Ca<sup>2+</sup> Channel-Dependent Sensitization of a Novel Subpopulation of Rat Peripheral Nociceptors," *Journal of Neuroscience* 25: 8766 – 8775, 2005

### Education

University of Denver Sturm College of Law JD, with honors, 2010

University of Virginia PhD, Neuroscience, 2007

Boston University MS, Physiology, 2002

Willamette University BS, Physiology, with honors, 2000

## Admissions & Credentials

Colorado

Massachusetts

## Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Life Sciences – Massachusetts (2026)

## Memberships & Affiliations

American Bar Association (ABA)

Colorado Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

American Association for the Advancement of Science

Society for Neuroscience