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Michael Cantor is co-managing partner of Cantor Colburn LLP and located in their Hartford, Connecticut, USA, office. He has been specializing in intellectual property law for 27 years. A member of many associations, he serves on several boards and is a frequent speaker on legal and business matters.

As a law student, Michael was working part-time at the predecessor of Cantor Colburn. During those early years, he worked on a host of trademark issues, including clearance, procurement and disputes. He fell in love with IP, and though he has been involved with patents, he has always found work helping his clients with their trademarks the most rewarding.

Michael currently serves as a member of the Internet Committee's Online Trademark Use Subcommittee. He has been involved with INTA since attending the 1997 Annual Meeting in San Antonio. There he had the good fortune to meet Curt Krechevsky, in-house counsel for Reebok at that time. Today, Curt is the chair of Cantor Colburn's Trademark & Copyright Department, and Michael told us that the firm has leveraged Curt's in-house experience and leadership to grow Cantor Colburn's trademark practice with talented lawyers and administrators. Michael makes his best effort to attend the INTA Annual Meeting every year, where he always enjoys the excellent programming and, even more

important, meeting with friends and colleagues from all over the world. His favorite work at INTA has been the U.S. Roundtables Project Team and pairing local practitioners with industry leaders to discuss new or troublesome issues.

One of Michael's favorite trademarks is HULU, the leading online provider of premium video content. Michael was involved with the registration and protection of the mark from scratch, including registering HULU sound and motion marks.

If Michael were not practicing trademark law, he feels certain he'd be a history professor. His reading always includes piles of history books and he already knows he enjoys teaching, as he's been an adjunct professor of IP law for over 15 years at the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Michael intimated that second only to his wife, Shari, and his four sons is his love of University of Connecticut basketball. He is a huge fan of the Huskies, and he and his family attend as many games as they can, rooting for both the men's and the women's basketball teams.

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