

Erasing the Stigma—Michael Kasdan [PODCAST]

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Men often hide their mental health struggles deeming it not manly for them to acknowledge weakness. Michael Kasdan was there at one point in his career, but he's long since learned better. Today, Michael is an active member of the Good Men Project, sharing his personal struggles with depression with others in the legal profession and beyond. Now, he shares his story and perspective on the state of men's mental health with [Mark Yacano](#) in this episode of Erasing the Stigma.

[Michael Kasdan](#) is a partner in Wiggin & Dana's Intellectual Property Group. He focuses on all areas of intellectual property law, providing his clients with full-service IP expertise that ranges from patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret litigation to IP-related transactions – including licensing and monetization – to helping companies to protect and reap maximum value from their own innovations and brands.

Michael was listed as one of the world's-leading IP Strategists in the 2103 and 2017 – 2021 editions of IAM Strategy 300 – The World's Leading IP Strategists and has regularly been listed in Super Lawyers. Clients describe him as creative, energetic, and easy to work with and seek his insight into the business, technology, and legal facets of their IP issues.

Michael writes and speaks extensively. His articles have appeared in Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) Magazine, LEXIS, Thomson/Reuters, Practical Law Company, IP Law360, Bloomberg/BNA, Managing IP Magazine, The National Law Review, and elsewhere. Michael is the sole author of Practical Law Company's Practice Note on Patent Law and the Lexis Practice Advisor on Patent Licensing and is a co-author of Practical Law Company's Practice Notes on Global Patent Litigation and Licensing and on Tracking and Privacy.

A member of the firm's Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee, Michael has been the keynote speaker at conferences addressing topics such as diversity and mentorship. He is also a passionate advocate for mental health and wellness in the legal profession and the world at large and serves on the Communications Committee of The Institute for Well-Being in Law.

Michael serves as on the Board and as Director of Communications and Development of the nonprofit MyChild'sCancer and on the Board of the SouthNextFestival. He was formerly Chairman of the Board of the nonprofit CityScience, which focuses on improving STEM education in cities. He is also the Director of Special Projects and Sr. Sports Editor for [The Good Men Project](#).

Michael received his J.D. magna cum laude from New York University School of Law. He was a member of the NYU Law Review and the Order of the Coif, was Fish & Neave Fellow for the Engelberg Center on Innovation Law and Policy, and served as President of the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Society. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Judge Roderick R. McKelvie in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. Michael received a B.S.E. in electrical engineering magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania, with a minor in mathematics. He was a member of Eta Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi, and the Penn Parliamentary Debate Team.

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