



## **Volunteer Attorney: Ram Menon**

Ram Menon has 20+ years of combined legal, technical, and business experience. He is currently Senior Counsel at Michael Best & Friedrich LLP. Ram graduated from William Mitchell College of law in 2006. Prior to law school, Ram was an engineer with Bell Communication Research in the area of optical networking. Ram uses his experience to assist clients in all aspects of intellectual property, from patent prosecution to licensing and IP/business transactions. In his free time, he enjoys working on projects with his children, cooking, and trail running.

### **Why do you volunteer at the MVLC?**

Volunteering at the MVLC gives me the opportunity to give back to our community. I enjoy meeting new people and working in areas of law that are completely different from the areas that I typically practice in at the firm.

### **Do you believe it is important to volunteer? If so, why?**

I believe it is important for lawyers to volunteer their time because you will soon realize that you get more back than what you put into it. It is always very rewarding to see a satisfied client. I am often surprised and happy to see how I was able to help someone in need in a tangible way.

### **Do you have any recommendation on how to juggle pro bono work with your busy practice?**

Planning, making a commitment early in the year, and scheduling times for volunteering allows me to juggle my pro bono practice with the busy schedule at the firm.