

# YOUNG BASILE



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### Admissions

United States Patent and  
Trademark Office

Texas New York

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### Education

Seton Hall University School of  
Law, J.D. 2006

Rutgers University, B.S. in  
Industrial Engineering and  
Manufacturing Technology with  
Honors, 2002

Mr. Debono focuses his practice on preparing, filing, and prosecuting domestic and international patent applications across a broad range of technologies in the mechanical and electromechanical arts. He has extensive experience preparing and prosecuting patent applications directed to medical and surgical devices including laparoscopic, arthroscopic, endoscopic, and orthopedic instruments, catheters, needles, sutures, surgical staplers, trocars and obturators, access devices, retractors, seals and cautery instruments, as well as hospital beds, pharmaceuticals, inhalers and atomizers, conveyor systems, cutting and drilling implements, the automotive and aerospace industries, bottling and display technologies and dispensation structures.

He manages large patent portfolios, performs litigation analysis, conducts due diligence investigations and prepares Opinions of Counsel including right-to-use Opinions, invalidity Opinions and patentability Opinions. He also prepares requests for *Inter Partes* reexamination and provides litigation support including claim construction analysis and litigation strategy.

Prior to practicing with Young Basile, Mr. Debono practiced law with Dentons, LLP in Dallas, TX and with Carter, DeLuca, Farrell & Schmidt, LLP in Long Island, NY.

### Industry Experience

In addition to working in private practice, Mr. Debono worked as in-house counsel for a consumer goods company. He also worked in-house for a large, global pharmaceutical company and for an engineering firm that designed manufacturing facilities for pharmaceutical companies.

### Honors/Distinctions

Rutgers University College of Engineering Merit Scholarship  
Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law Award from the American Bar Association Section of Intellectual Property Law and the Bureau of National Affairs

### Professional Activities

American Intellectual Property Law Association  
Texas Bar Association  
New York State Bar Association  
Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations