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OVERVIEW

Michael practices in the area of insurance coverage and commercial litigation. He advises domestic and international insurers on all manner of coverage issues, including professional liability, errors and omissions, directors and officers, technology and media, cyber, and excess coverage matters. He has also litigated complex insurance and business issues in state and federal courts throughout the U.S.

Michael draws from his experience as a partner in a boutique litigation firm to help his clients find effective and creative approaches to defending and resolving claims. In addition to his insurance experience, Michael has handled a wide range of commercial and business disputes, catastrophic personal injury claims, securities litigation, partnership and fiduciary duty disputes, fraud and misrepresentation claims, and federal and state RICO litigation.

AWARDS

- *Georgia Super Lawyers* “Rising Star” (2018-2024)
- Georgia Bar Association, Leadership Academy

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bad Faith
- General Liability
- Insurance + Reinsurance
- Media, Technology + Cyber Liability Insurance
- Professional Liability

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Bad Faith
- General Liability
- Insurance + Reinsurance

- Litigation + Trial
- Media, Technology + Cyber Liability Insurance
- Professional Liability

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Board of Directors, VIA-LINK

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Georgia School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2013, notes editor, *Georgia Journal of Intellectual Property Law*; Best Oralist, National Moot Court Competition; National Order of the Barristers
- Washington and Lee University, B.A., *cum laude*, 2009, classics and politics

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Georgia
- Louisiana

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Georgia State Courts
- Georgia Superior Courts
- Court of Appeals of Georgia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presenter, "Watch for the Turnout! Steering the Train When Double Tracking Additional Insured and Indemnity Agreement Issues," American Bar Association's Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee CLE Seminar, March 4, 2023.
- Presenter, "Tips, Tricks, and Best Practices for Writing Briefs in Georgia State and Federal Courts," Atlanta Bar Association CLE, February 22, 2023.
- Presenter, "The Advancing the Law Series | State of the Judiciary 2.0," Atlanta Bar Association, Litigation Section, September 16, 2022.