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A former software engineer for *Fortune* 100 companies, Michael applies a deep understanding of technology to his practice, guiding clients from a variety of industries through the management and preservation of electronic materials.

OVERVIEW

Michael has more than a decade of legal experience managing e-discovery projects both large and small, and provides e-discovery counseling to clients and colleagues facing ever-increasing legal and technological complexities.

Before entering the legal profession, Michael spent 14 years as a software engineer and database designer for *Fortune* 100 companies, a background that enables him to address the technical intricacies of electronic document discovery. Michael also spent many years as an antitrust and commercial litigator, assisting clients in navigating the entire spectrum of e-discovery requirements, from preservation and collection through review, production, and evidentiary analysis for summary judgment and trial.

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- eDiscovery + Data Management

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate Espionage Response Team
- Litigation + Trial
- eDiscovery + Data Management

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, J.D., 2002
- University of Pennsylvania, M.Be., 2002, bioethics

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- The Pennsylvania State University, B.S., 1986, computer science

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "GenAI: Practical Use Cases and Cautionary Tales," Troutman Pepper Locke, September 11, 2025.
- Speaker, "Microsoft 365 eDiscovery Updates: Legal and Technical Developments," Troutman Pepper eMerge Webinar, December 6-13, 2022.
- Panelist, "Microsoft 365 eDiscovery Updates: Legal & Technical Developments with the use of Microsoft 365," Troutman Pepper eMerge Webinar, November 9, 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "A Tale of Two Startups: Intense Competition Leads to Attempted Corporate Espionage," *Troutman Pepper*, October 12, 2023.
- Co-author, "Microsoft 365 eDiscovery Updates: Legal and Technical Developments," *Troutman Pepper*, January 23, 2023.