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Michael works with business executives, industry leaders, and entrepreneurs within public and private companies to help them navigate everything from entity formation to exit transactions, with a focus on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, and other strategic and financial transactions.

**OVERVIEW**

Michael advises public and privately held companies across a variety of industries, including private equity, automotive, civil construction, sports and entertainment, energy, health sciences, software and technology, real estate and financial services, ranging from small family owned businesses to billion dollar enterprises. Michael focuses his practice on varying corporate and securities transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, refinancings, divestitures, reorganizations, strategic investments, business formation, and general corporate matters. He also represents venture capitalists, emerging companies, and entrepreneurs in private placements, venture capital, and other capital-raising transactions.

Clients include publicly traded businesses, private equity firms, strategic buyers and sellers, institutional investors, growth equity and venture capital funds, and sports franchises.

**REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS****Mergers and Acquisitions**

- Represented Franchise Group, Inc., a publicly traded owner and operator of franchised and franchiseable businesses, in its \$2.6 billion “going private” acquisition by its senior management team in partnership with an investor consortium.
- Represented Kloeckner Metals, one of the largest global metals manufacturing, supply, and services companies in several acquisitions by the U.S. subsidiary and its German parent company, including the acquisition of the Mexican operations of National Material of Mexico, a leading independent service center and materials supplier serving automotive and industrial end markets across North America, which included the carve-out acquisition of a division of National Material’s U.S. business and their subsequent acquisition of Sol Components, a distinguished leader in end-to-end structural solar solutions for the commercial and utility solar sectors.
- Represented a leading global manufacturer of electronic instruments and electro-magnetic devices in acquisitions with transaction values ranging from \$200 million to \$1.5 billion.
- Represented an innovative golf software company in its strategic bolt-on acquisitions.

- Represented a leading middle-market private equity fund focused on investments in the health care space in connection with its acquisition of a leading provider of payment integrity solutions in the medical space.
- Represented a Southeastern-based accounting firm in its sale to a private equity buyer as a part of its roll-up blueprint.
- Represented a private equity group in its acquisition of an automobile dealer and a related auto loan financing and servicing business.
- Represented Renna Partners, LLC in its acquisition by a private equity-backed technology advisory services firm.
- Represented the owners of an industry-leading utility and pipeline services joint venture in its \$965 million majority recapitalization involving a private equity firm.
- Represented a global strategic software acquirer in its stock and asset acquisitions of market-leading software providers, including a litigation content management and hosting software company.
- Served as counsel to an investment fund specializing in packaging and supply chain solutions in connection with several stock acquisitions and mergers.
- Represented a national senior living facility in its \$275 million refinancing.
- Represented an urgent medical care facility in its \$53 million asset sale to a financial acquirer.
- Represented a general contracting and construction management firm in its \$45 million merger with a strategic buyer.
- Represented the shareholders of a luxury home builder in a \$50 million asset sale to a strategic buyer.

### **Venture Capital and Venture-Back Growth Companies**

- Represented numerous biotechnology and software companies in connection with their corporate formation, seed and venture financings, and general corporate matters.
- Represented numerous early-stage software companies in connection with their Seed and Series A financings.
- Advised a venture capital fund in its investments in biotechnology, and computer hardware and software technology companies.
- Represented multiple IT companies in connection with: (i) preferred equity financings; (ii) convertible note financings; and (iii) acquisition and disposition transactions.
- Served as outside general counsel for an Atlanta sports franchise in establishing corporate structure, structuring equity offerings and ongoing corporate matters.

### **AWARDS**

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch: Corporate Law (2022-2026), Mergers and Acquisitions Law (2022-2026)*

### **TOP AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Private Equity

### **ALL AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Capital Markets

- Commercial Contracting
- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Emerging Companies + Venture Capital
- Investment Funds + Investment Management Services
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Payments + Financial Technology
- Private Equity
- Technology

## **PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Member, Recruiting and Screening Committee, Venture Atlanta
- Big Brother Mentor, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta
- Committee Member, Autism Speaks Inc.
- Advisory Council Member, PAWS Atlanta, Inc.

## **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

### **EDUCATION**

- Georgia State University College of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2017, articles editor, *Georgia State University Law Review*; member, *Moot Court*; president, *Georgia State University Sports & Entertainment Law Society*; *Bleckley Inn of Court Pupil*
- University of Georgia, B.A., 2014

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Georgia