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New York

Michael has handled a wide range of complex commercial and securities claims in state and federal courts in California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, and Texas, and has represented a diverse range of domestic and international private and public companies, and their directors and officers in their most crucial litigation matters. He has also practiced before the AAA, JAMS and ICC, and advised clients in a wide range of industries, including financial services, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, cryptocurrency, cyberthreat intelligence, government contracting, chemicals, manufacturing, energy, aviation, automotive, health, construction, private equity, telecommunications, sports and real estate.

Before becoming an attorney, Michael served as an intelligence officer with the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. He covered Russian foreign policy towards Asia and the Middle East, wrote for the President's Daily Brief and provided intelligence support to policymakers and warfighters. Michael also built the Intelligence Community Joint Duty Program that was recommended by the 9/11 and WMD Commissions, mandated by the Intelligence Reform Act of 2004, and ultimately recognized by Harvard University as one of the most innovative government programs in America. Michael is routinely sought after to speak and provide counsel on national security matters.

Michael has represented, among others:

- A private equity firm in connection with a dispute with an investment banking firm where Michael secured a motion to

dismiss with prejudice.

- Wakem Capital, a cryptocurrency asset manager in an arbitration before the ICC concerning a cybersecurity breach and theft where Michael obtained a complete verdict in favor of Plaintiffs and an award of legal fees.
- A private equity firm in connection with disputes arising from a nine-figure investment in a construction project in New York City related to the EB5 Visa immigration program.
- Multiple aviation companies in a multi-million dispute arising from a purported loan default before the New York Supreme Court, Commercial Division where Michael reversed an attachment order at the trial court and appellate court in Manhattan.
- The former CEO of Rockwood Holdings, and other directors and officers of Rockwood Holdings, a worldwide chemical company, in a AAA arbitration and related proceedings in the New York State Supreme Court, Commercial Division, arising from claims of fraud, breach of contract and more against the Huntsman Corporation and securing a complete dismissal of claims.
- GardaWorld, a provider of security services, in connection with a dispute involving complex accounting and earnout dispute issues that arose from a purchase and sale agreement, and addressing related issues concerning representations and warranties insurance, before the New York Supreme Court, Commercial Division.
- Quinenco S.A. and Tech Pack S.A. as sellers in a nine-figure post-closing dispute involving nearly 30 different claims for indemnification related to the acquisition of manufacturing facilities across Latin America.
- The National Hockey League in a complex insurance dispute arising from the concussion litigation that involved lost insurance policies.
- Harland Clarke Holdings and the Scantron Corporation in post-closing dispute arising from the nine-figure acquisition of a software company before the District of Delaware.

- Goldman Sachs and other underwriters in connection with a securities class action arising from the IPO of GoHealth, a health insurance marketplace.
- Patrick Drahi, the Chairman of Altice, in connection with executive compensation matters in the Delaware Court of Chancery.
- Citibank, in connection with a dispute with Barclays related to losses from FX trading in the Southern District of New York.
- Various employees and employers in disputes pertaining to non-compete and non-solicit agreements.

Other Info About Michael

Work History

Partner and Head of Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Grant Herrmann Schwartz & Klinger LLP (January 2024 – April 2025)

Litigation Associate, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (July 2016 – December 2023)

Litigation Associate, Joseph Hage Aaronson LLC (September 2013 – July 2016)

Litigation Associate, Proskauer Rose LLP (November 2011 – September 2013)

U.S. Department of Defense (May 2003 – September 2011)

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D.

National Intelligence University, M.S.

University of Pennsylvania, B.A.

Courts

Supreme Court of the United States

New York State Court

Second Circuit Court of Appeals

Southern District of New York

Eastern District of New York

Northern District of New York

Western District of New York

Professional Affiliations

Litigation Committee, New York City Bar Association (2024 – Present)

Term Member at the Council on Foreign Relations (2015 -2020)

Chairman of the Military Affairs and Justice Committee, New York City Bar Association (September 2014 – July 2017)

Editorial boards of the *Georgetown Law Journal* (2009 – 2011), the Central Intelligence Agency's premier scholarly journal *Studies of Intelligence* (2007-2011), and the *Defense Intelligence Journal* (2004 – 2006)

Presentations

Moderator, Closing Guantanamo with State and Defense Departments' Special Envoys for Guantanamo Closure, New York City Bar Association (February 1, 2016)

Moderator, Foreign Defense Sales, New York City Bar Association (May 14, 2015)

Speaker, New York City Bar Association, Prosecuting Torture? Moving Forward After the Senate Intelligence Committee Report (April 16, 2015) podcast.

Major Publications

Served as a special editor for the Central Intelligence Agency to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, and co-authored *Creating a True*

Culture of Collaboration Through Civilian Joint Duty (December 2024), available at https://www.cia.gov/resources/csi/static/13-IRTPA-Civilian-Joint-Duty-Program.pdf.

Russia's Co-Opting of US Political Groups Is Serious Business, The Hill (August 6, 2022) thehill.com

The Public Has a Right To Know, But There Are Limits, The Wall Street Journal (April 5, 2018) https://on.wsj.com/2L2V102

Trump Abandons Transgender Patriots, The Hill (July 27, 2017) thehill.com

Four Days with the Marine Corps and Navy, US Naval Institute (February 12, 2016) https://blog.usni.org (included in Chief of Naval Information's Morning News Clips)

Orderly Markets: Protect Your Data!, Futures Magazine, December 2015 issue

Foundations of Federalism, American College of Trial Lawyers 2015 UK-US Legal Exchange, September 2015 (principal drafter)

The Rise of the Citizen Cyber Soldier, Federal Times (November 9, 2015)

Tactic to Preserve Government Secrets Gains Wider, Worrisome Use, The National Law Journal (May 18, 2015) http://bit.ly/1PAch8p

Covert Action, The NewJurist (May 7, 2015)

New York's Licensing Barricade Against Military Spouses, The Wall Street Journal (February 13, 2015) http://on.wsj.com/1EbCHpj

It's Not Top Secret If You Can Google It, The Wall Street Journal (December 4, 2014) http://on.wsj.com/1Npd1ZA

Comedy and Terror In Guantanamo Bay, The NewJurist (October 10, 2014) and excerpt in Gary D. Solis, *The Law of Armed Conflict: International Humanitarian Law in War,* 2d ed. (NY: Cambridge University Press, 2016), at 814.

An Inefficient Mix: Arbitration and Rule 68, Law360 (December 3, 2014)

Better Know Bi-Economy Case For NY Consequential Damages, Law360 (March 6, 2014)

New Reporting Company Disclosure Requirements for Activities Relating to Iran, Proskauer Rose LLP (January 25, 2013)

Final Rule on New Iranian Sanctions Published, Proskauer Rose LLP (December 28, 2012)

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