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Michael is a seasoned commercial litigator who represents businesses and individuals in complex disputes across a range of industries. His practice spans breach of contract, commercial torts, securities and FINRA matters, consumer protection, and employment and labor.

Michael represents broker-dealers and investment professionals in arbitrations and regularly represents public and private companies in high-stakes litigation. He has secured favorable outcomes through dispositive motions, arbitration awards, regulatory matters resolved without action, and significant monetary recoveries.

Across all stages of litigation, from pre-suit investigation and case strategy through discovery, motion practice, trial, and appeal, Michael brings a practical, strategic approach. He is an experienced courtroom and arbitration advocate and has served in key trial roles while also representing clients in mediation.

Known for his sound judgment and efficiency, Michael partners with clients to assess risk, develop effective litigation strategies, and achieve business-focused results.

Michael enjoys spending quality time with his family and friends, gardening and gourmet cooking.

Education

- New York University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2005)
- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., 2008)

Bar Admissions

- Ohio
- New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

Practices & Industries

- Complex Business Litigation
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Financial Services
- Broker-Dealer & Investment Litigation
- Data Privacy & Cybersecurity
- Employment & Labor Litigation
- Financial Services Industry

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Jewish Federation of Cleveland (*Board of Trustees; 2024-present; Oversees Committee; Government Relations Committee, Early Childhood Steering Committee*)
- MAKOM – A Place for LGBTQ Inclusion (*Co-Founder, 2016-present*)
- Wexner Heritage Program (*Cleveland Cohort Member, 2021-2024*)
- Anti-Defamation League, Cleveland Regional Office (*Board Member, 2019-2023*)
- The Dilley Project (*Volunteer Immigration Attorney, 2018*)

Awards & Honors

- Named to the Cleveland Jewish News list of “18 Difference Makers” (2019)

Experience

- Defended broker/dealers and financial advisors in multiple FINRA arbitrations of customer disputes, resulting in dismissal of all claims against the broker/dealers and financial advisors.
- Represented a financial advisor in FINRA arbitration, securing expungement of a false customer complaint from a public regulatory database.
- Represented broker/dealers and financial advisors in FINRA arbitrations alleging breach of non-competition and non-solicitation that had strong results for clients.
- Defended a large financial institution in federal whistleblower retaliation litigation, obtaining dismissal of all claims and sanctions against the plaintiff.
- Obtained multiple six-figure judgments on behalf of a small business manufacturer in breach of contract litigation.
- Defended a consumer electronics company in an investigation by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, resulting in no enforcement action.
- Served as second chair in a state bench trial involving an internal dispute over ownership and control of a religious institution, securing a favorable verdict.
- Served as second chair in a federal patent infringement jury trial, contributing to a defense verdict of patent invalidity on behalf of manufacturing client.

- Defended a beverage company in a putative class action alleging violations of a state consumer protection law, resulting in voluntary withdrawal of the claims.

Publications & Presentations

- "Ink is Cheap: Engaging an Attorney Early Can Protect Your Business and Your Wallet," *Cleveland Jewish News* (November 2023)
- "Ohio Hits the Refresh Key on Civ.R. 37(E) | The New Rule on Electronic Spoliation and Sanctions," *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (November 2022)
- "Involuntary Forensic Examinations in eDiscovery," *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (November 2020)
- "Privacy & Data Security," co-author, Ohio Portion, *Bloomberg Law* (January 2018)