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EDUCATION

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, J.D., 2013, *cum laude*, Executive Articles Editor, Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology

Kenyon College, B.A., 2007, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, highest honors in Political Science

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

International Paralegal Specialist, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of International Affairs

Summer Law Clerk, Cook County, Illinois State's Attorney's Office

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Sidley Austin, LLP - Associate

ADMISSIONS

Colorado
District of Columbia
Illinois

HIGHLIGHTS

- Representing the Southeastern Conference in an antitrust case in Colorado federal court brought by hundreds of class action opt-outs against the NCAA and its five major athletic conferences regarding student-athlete benefits.
- Argued a successful summary judgment motion in Delaware state court in a breach of contract case for a global communications service provider.
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- Obtained favorable settlement for a publicly traded apartment REIT facing antitrust claims as part of multidistrict litigation that spans 40 states based on the alleged use of algorithms in setting residential rental rates.
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INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Financial Services
- Consumer Products & Services
- Healthcare

PRACTICE AREAS

- Antitrust & Competition
- Commercial Litigation
- Investigations & Compliance

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Prior to joining WTO, Michael served in the international arbitration practice of an AmLaw 20 firm.

CASES

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- Won a favorable result for a multinational insurance company accused of insurance bad faith, intentional interference with a contract, and bid rigging and price fixing in violation of the Colorado Antitrust Act.
- Won summary judgment for an intellectual property law firm facing legal malpractice claims involving allegations of trade secret misappropriation.
- Successfully represented one of the nation's largest grocery and foodservice distributors as a direct action plaintiff in antitrust litigation concerning broiler chickens.

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- Advocated for pro bono clients in cases involving immigration benefits, tenant-landlord disputes, disability benefits, and more.

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

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ARTICLES & PRESENTATIONS

Articles

- "Walking Firearms to Gun Runners: ATF's Flawed Operation in a Flawed System," 103 *NW J. Crim. L. & Criminology* 585, (2013).

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- European soccer, hiking, musical theater, and cooking.