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Michael represents a diverse group of clients on a variety of issues - from complex litigation cases for Fortune 500 companies to transactional and litigation matters for small businesses, families and individuals. His current practice is focused on creditors' rights, business litigation and real property financing, sales and litigation; with additional concentrations in the areas of trusts and estates law, municipal law, and business law. Michael has extensive experience in protecting and enforcing the rights of lenders in default loan servicing matters, mortgage foreclosure proceedings, replevin actions, collection suits, and bankruptcy proceedings

### Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- American Legal and Financial Network (ALFN), Former Member & Past-Chairman, Board of Directors
- ALFA International, Former Member & Steering Committee Member, Business Litigation Practice Group
- Federation of Bar Associations, Fourth Judicial District, Board of Directors; Past-President
- New York State Bar Association
- Washington County Bar Association, Member of the Grievance and Continuing Legal Education Committees; Past-President
- Saratoga County Bar Association
- Skidmore College, Former Adjunct Professor of Business Law
- American Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute

## Recognition

- Periclean Honor Society
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Order of the Coif
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Preeminent Attorney
- AVVO, 10.0 Superb Attorney Rating
- Super Lawyers®, "Super Lawyer" (2019, 2020)
- American Institute of Family Lawyers (AIOFLA), "10 Best Family Law Attorneys in New York (2014-15)"

## Noteworthy Cases

- *Marlow v. Greene*, 75 Misc.3d 1224(A) [Sup. Ct., Washington Co., 2022]
- *21<sup>st</sup> Mtg. Corp. v. Rudman*, 201 A.D.3d 618 [2<sup>nd</sup> Dept. 2022]
- *The Meadow at Clarke Hollow Bay, LLC v. White*, 155 A.D.3d 1325 [3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 2017]
- *Option One Mortgage v Rodriguez-Cardona*, 153 A.D.3d 1422 [2<sup>nd</sup> Dept. 2017]
- *Abraham v. Am. Home Mortg. Servicing*, 947 F. Supp. 2d 222 [E.D.N.Y. 2013]
- *El v. O'Brien*, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 85699 [E.D.N.Y. 2012]
- *Menorah v. Jelks*, 61 A.D.3d 648 [2<sup>nd</sup> Dept. 2009]
- *Nelson v. Lundy*, 298 A.D.2d 689 [3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 2001], 300 A.D.2d 967 [3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 2002]
- *Lewis v. Greentree Mortgage Service*, 51 Fed.Appx. 68, 2002 WL 31640439 [2<sup>nd</sup> Cir. 2002]
- *Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp. v. Lewis*, 280 A.D.2d 642 [2<sup>nd</sup> Dept. 2001]
- *Reeve v. General Acc. Ins. Co. of New York*, 239 A.D.2d 759 [3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 1997]
- *Campinell v. Campinell*, 220 A.D.2d 940 [3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 1995]
- *Crepeau v. Zoning Bd. of Appeals of Village of Cambridge*, 195 A.D.2d 919 [3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 1993]
- *Matter of Estate of Harrison*, 184 A.D.2d 42 [3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 1992]
- *Sassone v. Town of Queensbury*, 157 A.D.2d 891 [3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 1990]
- *Holcomb v. Holcomb*, 137 A.D.2d 921 [3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 1988], 148 A.D.2d 915 [3<sup>rd</sup> Dept. 1989]

## Education

- J.D., Boston College Law School, magna cum laude (1985)
- B.A., Skidmore College, all college honors (1982)

## Bar Admissions

- New York State
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts

- U.S. District Court
  - Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York
  - District of Massachusetts
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court
  - Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York
  - District of Massachusetts
  - District of New Hampshire

## Speaking Engagements

- Speaker: *"New York Mortgage Foreclosure Actions; Standing To Sue: New Life to an Old Defense"*, ALFN ANSWERS Conference Webinar (2020)
- Moderator/Speaker: *"Recent Developments in Legal Ethics"*, ALFN ANSWERS Conference, Lake Tahoe, CA (2019)
- Speaker: *"2019 Real Estate Update - Mortgage Foreclosure Fundamentals"*, Warren County Bar Association/Chicago Title Insurance Company (2019)
- Speaker: *"Title Law: A-Z - Quiet Title Actions and Drafting Documents to Cure Title Defects"*, National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2018)
- Moderator/Speaker: *"Ethics in Mortgage Foreclosure and Bankruptcy Practice"*, ALFN ANSWERS Conference, Santa Barbara, CA (2018)
- Moderator/Speaker: *"Reducing Controllable Delays in Mortgage Foreclosure Actions"*, ALFN Intersect Conference, Dallas, TX (2017)
- Speaker/Moderator: *"Ethics in Action"*, Federation of Bar Associations, Fourth Judicial District, Lake Placid, NY (2017)
- Moderator/Speaker: *"Arvest Bank/Central Mortgage Company ALFN Onsite Teach Event"*, Springdale, AK (2017)
- Table Captain: *"Protecting Your business Before, During and After 'Bet the Company' Litigation"*, ALFA Business Litigation Practice Group Seminar, Chicago, IL (2017)
- Speaker: *"Real Estate Foreclosure Fundamentals"*, National Business Institute, Syracuse, NY (2017)
- Moderator/Speaker: *"Strategic and Ethical Ways to Communicate with Borrowers"*, ALFN ANSWERS Conference, Austin, TX (2017)
- Moderator/Speaker: *"PHH Mortgage Corporation ALFN Onsite Teach Event"*, PHH Mortgage, Mount Laurel, NJ (2017)
- Speaker: *"Business Succession Planning"*, New York State Funeral Directors Association Annual Conference, Rochester, NY (2016)
- Moderator/Speaker: *"Legal Ethics"*, ALFN ANSWERS Conference, Asheville, NC (2016)
- Speaker: *"Ethics in Action"*, American Association of Association Executives (ASAE), Annual Association Law Symposium, Chicago, IL (2016)
- Speaker: *"Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and Other Consumer Protections"*, National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2016)
- Speaker: *"Collection Counsel's Perspective on Sheriffs' Civil Divisions"*, New York Sheriffs' Association Institute, Civil Supervisors Training Program, Saratoga Springs, NY (2016)

- Moderator: "*Real Issues/Real Talk*", ALFN, NARCA, USFN & REOMAC Advocacy Day", Washington, D.C. (2016)
- Speaker: "*Title Law: A-Z - Drafting Documents to Cure Defects*" and "*Title Law A-Z - Quiet Title Actions*", National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2016)
- Panelist: "*Law Firm Management - Managing the Multi-generational Law Firm*", ALFA International ABM, London, England (2015)
- Speaker: "*Collection Law from Start to Finish - The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act*" and "*Collection Law from Start to Finish - Filing the Lawsuit and Developing Definitive Strategies*", National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2015)
- Moderator: "*Real Issues/Real Talk*", American Legal and Financial Network (ALFN) + National Association of Retail Collection Attorneys (NARCA) Advocacy Day, Washington, D.C. (2015)
- Speaker: "*Title Law From Start To Finish - Best Practices For Curing Title Problems*", National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2015)
- Speaker: "*New York Foreclosures and Workouts - The Foreclosure Process and Ethical Considerations*", National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2015)
- Speaker: "*FDCPA and Collecting the Judgment*" - Fair Debt Collection Practices Act - What You Need To Know; Other Consumer Protections", National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2014)
- Speaker: "*Ethical Issues For Real Estate Attorneys*", Washington County Bar Association, Fort Edward, NY (2013)
- Speaker: "*Boot Camp: Foreclosure and Loan Workout Procedures - Forbearance Agreements, Loan Modifications, Lender Liability Issues, and Ethical Considerations When Dealing with Distressed Property*", National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2013)
- Speaker: "*Title Workshop: From Examination to Commitment - Remedies To Resolve Property Line Problems*", National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2013)
- Speaker: "*Collections: Seeking and Collecting a Judgment*", National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2012)
- Speaker: "*Foreclosure Settlement Conferences and Mediations*", American Legal and Financial Network 10th Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico (2012)
- Speaker: "*How to Deal with Troubled Real Estate Loans*", National Business Institute, Albany, New York (2012)
- Speaker: "*Foreclosure and Bankruptcy Practice*", National Business Institute, Albany, New York (2012)
- Speaker: "*Recent Developments in Foreclosure Practice*", Federation of Bar Associations, Saratoga Springs, NY (2012)
- Speaker: "*Advanced Issues in Real Estate Law*", National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2011)
- Speaker: "*Ethics in Foreclosure Practice*" American Legal and Financial Network 9th Annual Conference, Bonita Springs, FL (2011)
- Speaker: "*Foreclosure: Step-by-Step Through the Procedures*", National Business Institute, National Teleconference and Webinar (2011)
- Panelist: "*Judicial Foreclosure, Loss Mitigation and Mediation Updates*", Flagstar Bank ALFN TE@CHTM Program, Troy, MI (2011)
- Speaker: "*Mastering Foreclosure Law*", The Rossdale Group, National Teleconference and Webinar (2011)
- Speaker: "*Dealing with Unwritten Title Transfers*" National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2011)
- Speaker: "*Foreclosure: Step-by-Step Through the Procedures*" National Business Institute, National Teleconference (2011)
- Speaker: "*Foreclosure: An In-Depth Walk Through*", National Business Institute, National Teleconference (2009)
- Speaker: "*Foreclosure and Repossession*" Lorman Education Services, Albany, NY (2009)

- Speaker: "*Real Property Foreclosure: A Step-by-Step Workshop*", National Business Institute, Albany, NY (2009)
- Speaker: "*Motion Practice, References, Judgment & Sale in Residential Foreclosures and Repossessions*", Lorman Education Services, Albany, NY (2008)

## Areas of Practice

- Creditors' Rights Law
- Banking and Financial Services Law
- Business and Commercial Law
- Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Real Estate Law
- Title Insurance Law
- Wills, Trusts and Estates Law and Litigation
- Municipal Law
- Local Counsel
- Municipal Law
- Land Use, Zoning and Real Property
- Outside General Counsel
- Regulatory Compliance
- Not-for-Profit Law

## Industries Served

- Financial Services
- Real Estate
- Individuals and Families
- Small Business
- Not-for-Profit
- Government