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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.

CREDENTIALS

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

Memberships & Affiliations (Partial)

Current

- American Legal and Financial Network (ALFN), Former Member & Past-Chairman, Board of Directors
- 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
- American Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Town of Granville, Town Attorney
- Village of Victory, Village Attorney

Past

- ALFA International, Former Member & Steering Committee Member, Business Litigation Practice Group
- Skidmore College, Former Adjunct Professor of Business Law
- Mary McClellan Hospital, Former Member & Past-Chairman, Board of Directors
- American Trial Lawyers Association
- New York State Trial Lawyers Association
- Greater Greenwich Chamber of Commerce, Inc., Former Member & Past-Chairman, Board of Directors
- Village of Greenwich, Village Attorney
- Village of Cambridge, Village Attorney

Recognitions (Partial)

- Super Lawyers®, "Super Lawyer" (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Preeminent Attorney
- AVVO, 10.0 Superb Attorney Rating
- American Institute of Family Lawyers (AIOFLA), "10 Best Family Law Attorneys in New York (2014-15)"
- Order of the Coif
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Periclean Honor Society

Noteworthy Cases (Partial)

- *Victory Village Tenants Assn., Inc. v. Evergreen Communities, LLC*, 218 A.D.3d 1207 [4th Dept. 2023]
- *Marlow v. Greene*, 75 Misc.3d 1224(A) [Sup. Ct., Washington Co., 2022]
- *21st Mtg. Corp. v. Rudman*, 201 A.D.3d 618 [2nd Dept. 2022]
- *The Meadow at Clarke Hollow Bay, LLC v. White*, 155 A.D.3d 1325 [3rd Dept. 2017]
- *Option One Mortgage v. Rodriguez-Cardona*, 153 A.D.3d 1422 [2nd 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 [2nd Dept. 2009]
- *Nelson v. Lundy*, 298 A.D.2d 689 [3rd Dept. 2001], 300 A.D.2d 967 [3rd Dept. 2002]
- *Lewis v. Greentree Mortgage Service*, 51 Fed.Appx. 68, 2002 WL 31640439 [2nd Cir. 2002]
- *Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp. v. Lewis*, 280 A.D.2d 642 [2nd Dept. 2001]
- *Reeve v. General Acc. Ins. Co. of New York*, 239 A.D.2d 759 [3rd Dept. 1997]
- *Campinell v. Campinell*, 220 A.D.2d 940 [3rd Dept. 1995]
- *Crepeau v. Zoning Bd. of Appeals of Village of Cambridge*, 195 A.D.2d 919 [3rd Dept. 1993]
- *Matter of Estate of Harrison*, 184 A.D.2d 42 [3rd Dept. 1992]
- *Sassone v. Town of Queensbury*, 157 A.D.2d 891 [3rd Dept. 1990]
- *Holcomb v. Holcomb*, 137 A.D.2d 921 [3rd Dept. 1988], 148 A.D.2d 915 [3rd Dept. 1989]

Speaking Engagements (Partial)

- Speaker: "*Legal Ethics – Leveraging the use of AI in our Industry*", ALFN ANSWERS CONFERENCE, Beaver Creek, CO (2024)
- Speaker: "*The Introduction of Business Records in a Courtroom Setting (Mock Trial)*", ALFN ANSWERS CONFERENCE, Beaver Creek, CO (2023)
- 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@CH™ 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

- Appellate Law
- Bankruptcy Law
- Creditors' Rights Law
- Mortgage Banking and Financial Services Law
- Business and Corporate Transactions and Litigation
- Civil Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Real Estate Law and Litigation
- Title Insurance Law and Litigation
- Wills, Trusts and Estates Law and Litigation
- Municipal Law
- Land Use, Zoning and Real Property
- Mortgage Servicing Regulatory Compliance
- Not-for-Profit Law

Industries Served

- Banking & Financial Services
- Professional Services
- Business Startups
- Real Estate
- Individuals and Families
- Not-for-Profits
- Local Governments