

# Michael A. Grisham

## Of Counsel

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Being dynamic means inviting risk - Mike helps clients navigate through high-risk litigation to reach their best outcome.

As a member of Dorsey's Trial group, Mike's practice focuses on complex civil litigation and appeals, and he has made numerous appearances before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Alaska Supreme Court. He has assisted clients in successfully managing litigation and arbitration matters in an array of practice areas - from antitrust compliance to commercial litigation and appeals, internal investigations to environmental litigation - by providing clients with the strategic understanding and the legal tools they need.

## Select Experience

- *Bering Straits Citizens v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng.*, 524 F. 3d 938 (9th Cir. 2008)  
Lead counsel defending against NEPA and Clean Water Act challenge to permits issued for \$150 mm hard rock mine and related processing facility in Nome, Alaska. Won summary judgment upholding permits in U.S. District Court that was affirmed on appeal.
- *Johnson v. Columbia Properties Anchorage, LP*, 437 F. 3d 894 (9th Cir. 2006)  
Successfully defended owner/general contractor of Anchorage Marriott Hotel on contract claims by sub-contractor, obtaining summary judgment in trial court that was affirmed on appeal.
- *Wasser & Winters Co. v. Ritchie Bros.*, 185 P. 3d 73 (Alaska 2008) Successfully defended one of world's largest heavy equipment auctioneers against claims by lienholder of auctioned equipment, establishing precedent protecting auctioneers.
- *Carr-Gottstein Foods Co. v. Wasilla, LLC*, 182 P. 3d 1131 (Alaska 2008) Took over appeal and won reversal of two separate trial results in multi-million dollar lease litigation for Alaska's largest supermarket chain.

Other representative litigation matters include:

## Education

- University of Wisconsin Law School (J.D., 1994)
  - *cum laude*
- Dartmouth College (B.A., 1988)
  - with Honors

## Bar Admissions

- Alaska

## Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Districts of Alaska, Western Wisconsin, and Colorado

## Professional Affiliations

- Gladys Wood Soccer – Volunteer Coach
- Bar Examiners Committee – 1998-2006
- ACE Board Member
- Anchorage Pro Bono Coordinator

## Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Appellate, Anchorage, 2023- 2026
- *Alaska Super Lawyers*®, 2025-2026
- *Benchmark Litigation*, "Future Star - Alaska," 2013-2018, 2021-2022, 2024
- *Business Law*, Alaska Business Legal Elite, 2023-2024

## Languages

- Spanish