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Michael has a proven track record guiding publicly held, private, and cooperatively owned businesses in navigating antitrust issues and developing successful distribution models. He has demonstrated litigation skills to represent companies in disputes and provide practical advice for minimizing future legal problems.

Michael is Chair of the Firm's Antitrust practice group and was previously Co-Chair of the Commercial Litigation practice group. He practices in the area of commercial litigation, with a strong emphasis on antitrust (litigation and counseling).

Select Experience

- Manara Minerals in a deal to acquire 10% of Vale Base Metals Limited, the holding entity of Vale SA's energy transition metals business
- Michael won dismissal of an antitrust suit that had been brought against the country's largest supplier of bankruptcy software to bankruptcy trustees in *McGarry & McGarry, LLP v. Bankruptcy Management Solutions, Inc.*, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 93133 (N.D. Ill. June 16, 2017).
- Michael represented IEEE in securing a favorable Business Review Letter from the U.S. Department of Justice in 2015.
- Michael won dismissal of an antitrust suit that had been brought against several defendants in *Techreserves Inc. v. Delta Controls Inc.*, 2014 WL 1325914, S.D.N.Y., (S.D.N.Y. March 31, 2014), *appeal dismissed*.

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fifth, Eighth, and Federal Circuits
- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Minnesota State Bar Association (Antitrust Section, Chair, 2005-2006; Vice Chair, 2004-2005; Council Member, 2006-2015)

Education

- University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 1983)
 - *cum laude*, Order of the Coif
 - Managing and Book Review Editor, *The University of Chicago Law Review*, 1982-1983
- London School of Economics (General Studies, 1980)
- Marquette University (B.A., History, 1980)
 - *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

- Member, American Bar Association (Antitrust Section; Vice Chair, Trial Practice Committee, 2004-2008)
- Editorial Co-Chair, *Antitrust*, 2019-Present; Articles Editor, 2018-2019; Associate Editor 2008-2018
- Member, Hennepin County Bar Association
- Adjunct Professor, Antitrust, University of Minnesota Law School, 2014
- Adjunct Professor, Antitrust, University of St. Thomas Law School, 2002-2013
- Adjunct Professor, Antitrust, Hamline University Law School, 1988-1999

Clerkships

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Chicago, IL, Honorable Richard A. Posner, 1983–1984

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Member, Minnesota Orchestra Board of Directors, 2016-present
- Advisory Director, Classical Actors Ensemble, 2019-present
- President, Prevention Alliance, a non-profit corporation providing chemical-abuse prevention and counseling programs to Twin Cities youth, 1991-1997

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Antitrust, Minnesota, 2015-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, Antitrust Litigation, Minneapolis, 2008-2026
- Thomson Reuters, "Stand-Out Lawyers," 2024-2025
- *Minnesota Super Lawyers*®, 2022-2021
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Commercial Litigation, Antitrust Litigation, Minneapolis, 2018, 2020
- BTI Client Service, All-Star Attorneys, 2019-2020
- BTI Client Service, All-Star MVP Attorneys, 2020

Select Presentations

- "Hart-Scott-Rodino and Premerger Notification," 2013 Business Law Institute (Minnesota CLE May 7, 2013)
- "Critical Legal Issues for Cooperatives," Presentation to National Cooperative Business Association Conference on Purchasing Cooperatives (2009-2012)
- "Business Considerations for Participating in Standards Development," Presentation to the Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade IPR Working Group (Oct. 15, 2009)
- "Critical Legal Issues for Cooperatives," Presentation to National Cooperative Business Association Conference on Purchasing Cooperatives (Sept. 2009)
- "Do You Want to Play 'Ex Ante'? Negotiating Royalty or Other License Terms Before the Standard is Set," Presentation to American Intellectual Property Law Association (May 13, 2009)
- "Standard Setting and 'Patent Ambush': Lessons from the Federal Circuit's Recent Qualcomm v. Broadcom Decision," Telebriefing for Practising Law Institute (Mar. 10, 2009)

Insights

January 26, 2026

Increase in HSR Reportability Thresholds and Filing Fees and Other HSR Developments

April 21, 2025

Michael Lindsay Contributes to Antitrust Magazine with Editor's Note

January 21, 2025

Increase in HSR Reportability Thresholds and Filing Fees, and Other HSR Developments

November 26, 2024

Overhauled U.S. Merger Control Filing Process to Take Effect February 10, 2025

November 26, 2024

DOJ Antitrust Division Issues Updated Guidance on Evaluating Corporate Compliance Programs

April 25, 2024

FTC Prohibits Noncompete Agreements; Business Groups Sue

February 14, 2024

FTC Updates Mergers & Acquisitions Guidelines

January 23, 2024

Increase in HSR Reporting Thresholds and Filing Fees; Other HSR Developments

December 21, 2023

Back to the Future: 2023 Merger Guidelines Reach into History to Support Enlarged Antitrust Enforcement Agenda

July 21, 2023

FTC and DOJ Propose New Merger Guidelines

July 17, 2023

Dorsey Partner Michael Lindsay on the FTC and the Black Knight Deal

June 29, 2023

FTC and DOJ Propose Overhaul of U.S. Merger Review Process

January 24, 2023

Increase in HSR Reportability Thresholds and Other HSR Developments

January 10, 2023

FTC Takes First Step to Make Good on Promise to Curtail Non-Compete Agreements

January 3, 2023

Year-End Omnibus Bill Includes First HSR Filing Fee Increases in More Than Twenty Years, Larger Agency Budgets, and New Foreign Subsidy Reporting Requirements