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Michael is an attorney in the firm's finance and restructuring practice group.

His practice focuses on corporate restructurings, bankruptcy litigation, creditors' rights, and distressed acquisitions. Michael's clients include troubled companies, secured and unsecured creditors, purchasers of distressed assets, and other constituents in connection with in-court and out-of-court restructurings. Michael also advises clients with respect to financing transactions, as well as commercial disputes and related litigation.

Select Experience

Debtor/Company-Side Experience

- Akumin Inc. and its affiliates in their prepackaged Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases that restructured \$1.45 billion of funded debt.
- Airspan Networks Holdings, Inc. and its affiliates in their prepackaged Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases that restructured over \$200 million of funded debt.
- Water Gremlin Company and its affiliates in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases that resolved over \$50 million of mass tort liability claims.
- Redwood Empire Lodging in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case that restructured over \$30 million of funded debt.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Professional Affiliations

- Turnaround Management Association - Arizona Chapter (Board of Directors; NextGen Committee Co-Chair)

Education

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (J.D.)
 - *cum laude*
- Arizona State University (B.S.)
 - *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- New York

Clerkships

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York, Honorable Nancy Hershey Lord, 2014–2015

Accolades

- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- *Best Lawyers in America*® "Ones to Watch", Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Phoenix, 2021-2026
- *Super Lawyers*® - *Southwest Rising Star*, 2020-2022, 2024-2025
- *Super Lawyers*® - *New York Metro Rising Star*, 2017-2018

Languages

- English

Additional Information

- "The Intersection of Bankruptcy Preferences and Mechanic's Lien Waivers—A Wrong Turn Can Be Costly," *ABA Forum on Construction Under Construction – Newsletter* (October 1, 2019)
- "Cook Inlet Decision Rightly Protects Deemed Consolidation," *Law360* (February 6, 2018)
- "European Pre-Insolvency Proceedings: A Primer for Investors in Distressed Funds," *The Hedge Fund Journal* (July 27, 2017)
- "Avoiding Errors When Dismissing a Bankruptcy Appeal," *Law360* (March 2, 2017)
- "Ship Arrests and Creditors' Rights in Maritime Bankruptcies," *The Deal Pipeline* (January 9, 2017)
- "Viewpoint: Jevic Ruling Could Limit Chapter 11 Exit Strategies," *WSJ Pro Bankruptcy* (August 11, 2016)
- "Blocking a Bankruptcy Filing Still a Remote Possibility," *Law360* (May 6, 2016)
- "Director and Officer Releases: Decision Underlines Importance of Detailed Language to Avoid Liability," *Dow Jones Daily Bankruptcy Review* (May 3, 2016)

Select Presentations

- Municipal Insolvency & Chapter 9 Bankruptcy, *Turnaround Management Association - Arizona Chapter* (January 27, 2021)
- Strategies for Accelerating Tribal Growth: Mergers & Acquisitions Best Practices, *REDW, LLC Webinar* (August 26, 2019)
- The Intersection of Bankruptcy Preference and Mechanic's Lien Waivers: A Wrong Turn Can Be Costly, *American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law* (August 1, 2019)
- Ethics at the Office, *State Bar of Arizona Annual Convention* (June 1, 2019)