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Biography

Michael focuses his practice on insurance coverage and defense, and has extensive litigation experience. He has represented the interests of national and international insurers in complex coverage matters involving environmental damage and government regulation violations at manufacturing facilities, former manufactured gas plants and hydroelectric facilities, and in actions involving asbestos-related claims, and Telephone Consumer Protection Act, among others. He consistently provides diligent and thoughtful counsel based on his clients' needs in an efficient manner. A representative sampling of matters follows:

- Reached a favorable settlement in principle with a regional gas and electric company on day prior to jury trial, in matter seeking in excess of \$10 million in damages from multinational insurance companies in claims alleging environmental property damage at five former manufactured gas plants and a waste disposal facility located in southern Indiana.
- Enabled a group of multinational insurance company clients to mitigate a potential \$40 million liability by defending them against allegations brought by a manufacturer of vehicular heat transfer equipment claiming environmental property damage at various nationwide facilities.
- Successfully settled \$1 million claim brought by a national gasoline and oil company against multinational insurance companies in matter claiming environmental property damage along a nationwide network of pipelines.
- Achieved a favorable settlement of claims brought by a gas company seeking in excess of \$5 million in damages from multinational insurance companies in matter alleging environmental property damage at two former manufactured gas plants located in central Indiana.

Michael also has extensive experience in many areas of complex commercial litigation, including contract disputes, products liability, regulatory matters, employment law, white collar crime, and class actions.

Education

J.D. The Ohio State University College of Law, 2000

B.A. Miami (Ohio) University, *magna cum laude*, with honors, Phi Beta Kappa, 1997

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

Memberships

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association