

Lawyer Profiles



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Education

Called to the Bar – 2012

J.D., University of British Columbia – 2011

B.A. (Hons), Queen's University – 2007

Michael has a complex commercial litigation practice that focuses on corporate and securities related cases, including contractual and shareholder disputes, professional negligence claims, investigations and proceedings before securities regulators, employment litigation, oppression, fraud, investment loss claims, insurance-related litigation, and class actions. Michael has a broad background in civil litigation and also has experience litigating cases in the areas of insolvency, estates, internet and cyber liability, pensions, real estate, condominiums, construction and intellectual property.

Michael regularly represents clients before courts and regulatory tribunals. He has appeared before all levels of court in Ontario as well as the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC), the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) and the Mutual Fund Dealers Association (MFDA), and also has experience in commercial arbitration. Michael also regularly volunteers as *pro bono* duty counsel to unrepresented litigants at the Superior Court of Justice and Small Claims Court.

Michael joined the firm in 2014 after articling and then practicing as a litigation associate at a major national law firm. Before going to law school, Michael worked for a major commercial real estate brokerage firm.

Speaking Engagements & Publications

Author, Individual Acts and Corporate Benefits: Towards a More Expansive Standard for Company Liability, April 2018

Co-Author, "Don't be the next Equifax: Cyber-liability in an Age of Data Insecurity: Recognizing and Managing Cyber-risk", Private Capital Markets Association Newsletter, October 2017

Co-Author, "Separate, Independent and Confounding: Understanding Personal Liability for Corporate Acts", Annual Review of Civil Litigation (Toronto: Thomson Reuters Canada Limited, 2017, reproduced with permission).

Co-Presenter, "Outside Business Activities and Personal Financial Dealings: Civil and Regulatory Risk and When to Seek Legal Advice" Association of Canadian Compliance Professionals, November 2016

Co-Author, "Ontario Securities Commission Reviews: An Exercise in Futility or a Road out of the Quagmire?" Private Capital Markets Association of Canada Market Insights Issue, Fall 2014

Author, "Keeping Petty Condo Disputes out of Court", Condo Business (online), November 11, 2013

Co-author, "The Remedies for Defamation on Wikipedia", The Lawyers Weekly, September 27, 2013

Co-author, "The Growing Reach of the Ministry of the Environment", (paper presented to the Ontario Bar Association Section on Environmental Law, Toronto, Ontario, February 7, 2013)

Co-author, "Canada" in International Insolvency: a Jurisdictional Comparison, 3rd Edition, ed. J. William Boone, European Lawyer Reference Series (London: European Lawyer, 2012)

Co-author, "Damages: Considerations in addressing Physical Damage to Land", (paper presented to the Ontario Bar Association Section on Environmental Law, Toronto, Ontario, November 28, 2012)