

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 is a commercial litigator with experience in a diverse array of cases. Michael's practice focuses on corporate and securities related disputes, including cases involving contractual and shareholder disputes, proceedings before securities regulators, oppression claims, investment loss and other professional negligence claims, employment litigation, class actions, and other complex commercial litigation. 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 individual and corporate clients before courts, regulatory tribunals and in regulatory investigations. He has appeared before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, the Ontario Court of Appeal, 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 joined the firm in 2014 after articling and then practicing as a litigation associate at a major national law firm. Prior to commencing his legal studies, Michael worked in the commercial real estate industry.

Speaking Engagements & Publications

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, 2017).

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)