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Michael represents public and late-stage private companies in a broad range of corporate governance and securities regulation matters. He has extensive experience counseling management, boards and other key stakeholders on corporate governance policy and trends, engagement and activism, shareholder proposals, Exchange Act reporting and sustainability matters. Michael regularly publishes thought leadership related to governance and other public company matters, and advises clients on key market trends, fiduciary duties and best practices, and emerging Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), stock exchange, and other federal and state regulations.

Michael's practice includes a special focus on advising public companies on proxy season matters and other strategic governance situations – including shareholder engagement, proxy advisor and institutional investor policies, shareholder proposals and activism, board structure and composition, governance structure evolution and proxy disclosures. He works closely with IPO-stage companies on public company readiness matters – including strategic governance decision-making, establishing key board and compliance processes, stakeholder relations and preparing initial SEC reporting. Michael also regularly advises companies on "post-IPO maturation" matters, including evolving proxy statement and other disclosures, building shareholder engagement and sustainability reporting programs, and evolving governance structures, policies and practices.

Education

Harvard Law School JD, magna cum laude, 2014

Harvard University MA, Government, 2014

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris Master Recherche, History and Theory of Politics, first class honors, 2010

University of Chicago BA, Philosophy, college and departmental honors, 2008

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