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Business Restructuring

Michael is a premier restructuring lawyer highly sought after for his extensive experience in bankruptcy and restructuring across various industries. He represents debtors, lenders and equity holders in complex in-court and out-of-court restructurings, and advises buyers in significant bankruptcy sales. Michael's practice encompasses litigation of bankruptcy and distressed debt issues in bankruptcy court, state court and appellate courts.

Michael has been recognized since 2022 by Best Lawyers in America in the area of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, and since 2023 by Lawdragon as one of the 500 Leading Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers in America. Michael also was named a Rising Star in the field of Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights by Super Lawyers from 2013 – 2020.

Michael received his JD in 2010 from the University of Southern California (USC) Gould School of Law, where he graduated as a member of the Order of the Coif and served as a senior content editor for the Southern California Law Review. While in law school, Michael also held a judicial externship with Judge Sandra S. Ikuta of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Education

University of Southern California Gould School of Law JD, 2010

University of California, San Diego BA , 2006

Admissions & Credentials

California

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

US Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California

US Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California

US Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California

US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California

US District Court for the Central District of California

US District Court for the Eastern District of California

US District Court for the Northern District of California

US District Court for the Southern District of California

Rankings & Accolades

Chambers USA: Bankruptcy/Restructuring – California (2026)

Best Lawyers in America – Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law (2022 – present)

Lawdragon – 500 Leading Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers in America (2023 – present)

Super Lawyers – Rising Star in Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights (2013 – 2020)

Memberships & Affiliations

American Bankruptcy Institute, member

Turnaround Management Association