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Michael focuses on securities and corporate finance matters including public and private offerings of both equity and debt securities with an emphasis on REITs and real estate funds including mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance issues and federal securities compliance matters impacting these entities. Michael's representative experience includes advising publicly-traded and non-listed REITs and private real estate funds and investors in equity and debt offerings of more than \$30 billion, structuring public and private equity and debt offerings, and representing publicly and privately held entities in merger and acquisition transactions including various REIT internalization transactions and counseling boards and managers on fiduciary duties and governance matters.

## Matters

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### Michael's representative experience includes:

- Advising on publicly traded and non-listed REITs in equity and debt offerings of more than \$50 billion

- Focusing on structuring public and private equity and debt offerings and private funds primarily for REITs and other real-estate related entities
- Representing publicly and privately held entities in merger and acquisition transactions including various REIT internalization transactions
- Counseling publicly traded entities on corporate governance, securities law and compliance matters including counseling boards and special committees
- Advising clients in proxy contests and tender offers, and on general corporate, partnership or limited liability company law

#### Practices

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Capital Markets, Hybrid Capital, Real Estate Capital Markets, Mergers & Acquisitions, Global Finance

#### Industries

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Asset Management, Private Capital, Hospitality, Gaming & Leisure, Private Equity, Real Assets

#### Education

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Chicago-Kent College of Law, J.D.  
Member and Executive Editor, *Chicago-Kent Law Review*  
Loyola University Chicago, B.B.A.  
Economics

#### Admissions & Qualifications

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Illinois

#### Court Admissions

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U.S. District Court, Illinois, Northern District

#### Memberships

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American Bar Association - Business Law Section  
Chicago Bar Association - Securities Law Committee

Chicago Bar Association - Corporate Law Committee

Investment Program Association, Member

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#### Awards & Recognition

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Chambers USA: Nationwide: REITS 2018-2025

The Legal 500 United States: Real Estate 2017, 2019-2021

The Legal 500 United States: Finance - Capital Markets: Equity Offerings 2014

The Legal 500 United States: Investment Fund Formation and Management: Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) 2014, 2016-2024 (Leading Lawyer, 2023-2024)

Best Lawyers in America 2015-2024

Illinois Super Lawyers 2018-2019

2019 Outstanding Service Award, Institute for Portfolio Alternatives