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Michael’s practice focuses on the out-of-court restructuring and bankruptcy representation of large, public company chapter 11 debtors, including Capmark Financial Group, Inc., LNR Corporation, Lehman Brothers and SemGroup. He also represents large creditors, creditors' committees and equity interests in bankruptcy cases, including in the chapter 11 cases of MF Global, Inc., Delphi Corporation, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Avianca Airlines, Federal Mogul Corporation, Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc.

In addition, Michael has extensive experience in complex bankruptcy litigation, including matters involving fraudulent conveyance, substantive consolidation, debt subordination and recharacterization, and lender liability.

Matters

Key recent representations include:

- The unsecured creditors committee of MF Global, Inc.
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Capmark Financial Group, Inc., as debtor's counsel to the large commercial mortgage servicing company and its many affiliates with aggregate debt in excess of $20 billion

- SemGroup as chapter 11 debtor's counsel to the midstream oil and gas company and a large group of affiliates with debt obligations in excess of $3 billion
- Lehman Brothers, as debtors' counsel with primary responsibility for the real estate portfolio
- General Motors Corporation as the largest customer and creditor in excess of $9 billion in the Delphi Corp. chapter 11 case

Practices

Corporate/Transactional

Education

University of Houston Law Center, J.D.
University of Michigan, M.B.A.
Concordia University, B.Comm.

Admissions & Qualifications

New York
District of Columbia

Memberships

American Bar Foundation
Texas Bar Foundation

Awards & Recognition

Best Lawyers in America 2010, 2013-2027
Best Lawyers “Lawyer of the Year” 2016, 2022
New York Super Lawyers 2007-2021
Turnaround Management Association, Most Successful Chapter 11 Case, 2011
New York City Bar Justice Center Jeremy G. Epstein Award for Consumer