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Michael leads the firm's Business Litigation practice group and serves on the firm's executive committee.

His clients include public and private companies operating in a wide array of economic sectors, including entertainment, media, financial services, technology, marketing, distribution, manufacturing, real estate development, and health care.

Michael has resolved hundreds of complex lawsuits and commercial disputes involving a broad range of tort and contract claims, including claims of statutory and regulatory violations, misappropriation of trade secrets, defamation, toxic torts, unfair business practices, breach of fiduciary duty, insurance coverage, and fraud.

Representative matters include:

- Successfully defended nine-figure defamation claim against publicly traded company;
- Successfully prosecuted and defended multi-million dollar claims arising from ownership disputes in privately held corporations and limited liability companies across numerous industries;
- Successfully prosecuted and defended multi-million dollar claims for misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair competition in multiple industries ranging from financial services to consumer goods;
- Successfully prosecuted and defended multi-million dollar claims for fraud in the sale of real estate and defective construction;
- Successfully represented policy holders against insurance companies for wrongful denial of coverage;
- Successfully represented individuals and businesses in regulatory matters and litigation against federal, state, and municipal government entities.

Michael received his law degree from Georgetown and his undergraduate history degree from Yale, where he was

a four-year member of the varsity football team.

Services

- Business Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

Awards & Recognition

- Selected to the Rising Star list by Super Lawyers, 2014-2019
- Selected to Best Lawyers in America[®] for Real Estate Litigation, 2021-2025
- Selected to Best Lawyers in America[®] for Commercial Litigation, 2025

Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center(J.D., 2005)
- Yale University(B.A., 2001)
 - History with distinction

News

Aug 15, 2024 - Firm News

10 Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Named to 2025 U.S. News Best Lawyers in Multiple Practice Areas

Aug 17, 2023

10 Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Named to 2024 U.S. News Best Lawyers in Multiple Practice Areas

Aug 18, 2022 - Firm News

11 Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Named to 2023 U.S. News Best Lawyers in Multiple Practice Areas

Aug 20, 2020 - Firm News

12 Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Named to 2021 U.S. News Best Lawyers in Multiple Practice Areas

May 30, 2019 - Firm News

Newmeyer Dillion Newport Beach Attorneys, Michael McClellan & Jason Moberly Caruso, Named to 2019 Southern California Super Lawyers Rising Stars List

Jun 07, 2018 - Firm News

Four Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Selected to 2018 Southern California Rising Stars

Jun 05, 2017 - Firm News

Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Selected to the 2017 Southern California Super Lawyers Lists

Jun 06, 2016 - Firm News

Newmeyer Dillion Attorneys Selected to the 2016 Southern California Super Lawyers List