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Services

Bankruptcy Litigation, Corporate, Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy, Finance,

Michael assists clients with commercial finance matters as well as with commercial bankruptcy, insolvency, restructuring, and creditors' rights issues, and has significant experience in complex Chapter 11 cases. Michael represents financially distressed companies as well as lenders, landlords, trade creditors, trustees and creditors' committees in bankruptcy, insolvency and loan workout matters. He has also served as the lead attorney overseeing large-scale projects throughout the nation related to real estate, bankruptcy, and ediscovery matters.

Michael has assisted and advised clients in connection with general reorganization matters, workouts, use of cash collateral, efforts to convert or dismiss cases, preferential and fraudulent transfer litigation, automatic stay issues, bankruptcy sales and acquisitions, lease assumption or rejection, claim objections, plan confirmation issues and other aspects of bankruptcy and restructuring efforts. Additionally, Michael also serves as the Columbia office's student hiring partner.

Publications

- Municipalities: Revenue Crunches and Chapter 9 Bankruptcies on the Horizon
- Burr Alert: Trademark Owners Cannot Use Bankruptcy Law to Revoke Trademark Licenses
- Burr Alert: Fourth Circuit Green Lights Lender Claims for Post-Petition Attorneys' Fees
- Burr Alert: Up, Up and Away: Higher Interest Rates in South Carolina Courts are Here to Stay
- Blue Bell Creameries: Dishing Out a New Value Treat for Preference Defendants

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, University of South Carolina, (2004)
B.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, (2000)

Licensed In

South Carolina

Admitted In

U.S. Bankruptcy Court – South Carolina

Honors & Awards

- *Best Lawyers in America*, "Lawyer of the Year," Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Columbia, SC (2019)
- *Best Lawyers in America* (2015-2020)
- United Way of the Midlands' *Alyce Kemp DeWitt* Award, Honoree (2017)
- The State's "20 Under 40" (2017)
- *Columbia Business Monthly*, Legal Elite of the Midlands (2015-2016, 2018-2020)
- *South Carolina Super Lawyers*, Bankruptcy: Business (2017-2018, 2020)
- *South Carolina Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star," Bankruptcy: Business (2014-2017)
- *ABA Real Property, Probate & Trust Journal*, University of South Carolina School of Law, Editor in Chief
- Order of the Coif, University of South Carolina School of Law
- Order of the Wig and Robe, University of South Carolina School of Law

Professional Associations

South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association, President (2018-2019), Vice President (2017), Board Member (2014-2019)

J. Bratton Davis American Inn of Court, Associate (2018-2019)

Columbia Chamber of Commerce, Board Member (2017-2020)

Midlands Business Leadership Group, Board Member (2017-present)

South Carolina Local Bankruptcy Court Rules Committee

Lexington Chamber of Commerce, Board Member (2019-present)

Turnaround Management Association, Carolinas Chapter

American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI)

Community Involvement

United Way of the Midlands; Certification Committee, Chair (2017-2018); Pacesetter Campaign, Chair (2015-2016); Certification Committee, Chair (2015-2016); Community Impact Council Member; Young Leaders Society, Past-Chair; Financial Stability Council (2012-2013)

Leadership South Carolina, Class of 2017

Leadership Columbia, Class of 2011

Experience

- Served as debtor's counsel to 38 location privately-owned casual dining restaurant chain with 1,700 employees and more than \$30 million in debt.
- Served as counsel to the Chapter 11 Trustee and Plan Administrator in the case of a 115

employee, freight payment provider

- Served as debtor's counsel in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of a 325 employee, \$200 million national paint sundries distributor
- Co-counsel to ad hoc committee of term lenders in a regional grocery store Chapter 11 case
- Represented official committee of unsecured creditors and liquidating supervisor in connection with a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case involving a mine resistant ambush protected vehicle (MRAP) manufacturer
- Represented steel manufacturer in connection with its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case and reorganization
- Represented secured lender in connection with its state court debt collection matters
- Represented truck manufacturer in connection with its corporate matters and its product liability and contract disputes
- Represented Korean manufacturing company in connection with its creation of a U.S. subsidiary and purchase of a manufacturing facility in South Carolina

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