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**Areas of Focus**

Business Litigation

Financial Litigation

Fintech and Crypto Assets

Hedge, Investment, and

Private Equity Funds

AI Task Force



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### Overview

**Michael is a litigation partner in Jenner & Block’s New York office. He maintains a diverse and demanding practice that has taken him across the country and the globe, handling the most demanding matters of the day.**

Michael’s practice covers a broad spectrum of legal disputes that businesses face. Named a “Trailblazer” by the *New York Law Journal*, he represents corporate clients in a varied range of industries including financial services, media, and energy within several legal areas such as contracts, securities law, antitrust, and intellectual property. He has been recognized as a “rising star” by *New York Law Journal* and *Super Lawyers*, and recognized in litigation by *Best Lawyers in America* and the *Litigation and Competition Directory*.

Michael maintains a particular focus on consumer finance and fintech issues. He regularly counsels clients navigating consumer finance regulations, especially regulatory challenges at the intersection of consumer finance and technology. He is a co-author of the Consumer Protection chapter in *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts*.

Michael plays a leading role in the firm’s monitorship practice, having served as a team lead on half a dozen monitorships spanning various industries and subject areas including for multiple global financial services institutions. Among other engagements, he serves as lead counsel to the Court-appointed Monitor of the United Auto Workers (UAW) and the director of stakeholder engagement for the monitorship over the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). Michael also has co-authored the Introduction to Global Investigation Review’s (GIR) fourth edition of *The Guide to Monitorships*, which outlines the historical routes and recent practices around modern-day monitorships.

Michael maintains an active pro bono practice and serves as the New York Co-Chair of the firm's Pro Bono Committee. He regularly represents clients in 1983 claims in federal court, including obtaining a six-figure settlement for a client who was repeatedly arrested wrongly based on erroneous warrant data. And in almost two decades of pro bono immigration work, Michael has helped more than a dozen children remain safely in the United States based on successful claims of asylum or other forms of relief. He serves as a board member of the City Bar Fund, a trustee of the Luria Academy of Brooklyn, and is a past board member of Literacy, Inc.



**Key to any successful outcome is putting in the work up front—understanding your client's strategic objectives and then collaborating with them on how to get there.”**

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- Business Litigation
- Financial Litigation
- Fintech and Crypto Assets
- Hedge, Investment, and Private Equity Funds
- AI Task Force
- Monitorship Practice
- Payments

## **Representative Matters**

- Led arbitration team that achieved a significant 8-figure recovery in a supply-chain dispute in the aerospace industry.
- Represented institutional and other investors in pursuing recovery of losses in connection with 2008 financial crisis, including numerous matters involving auction rate securities.
- Played a leadership role in the monitorship of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) following its \$5.3 billion settlement with the US Department of Justice, in addition to having served in key roles on other monitorship teams.
- Counseled/counseling clients in complex regulatory challenges and government inquiries, including matters involving consumer finance regulations and government programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Represented/representing clients in array of litigation and arbitration matters across a variety of industries.

## **Credentials**

### **Admissions**

- New York, 2007

## Education

- University of Pennsylvania Law School, JD, *magna cum laude*; Order of the Coif, 2006
- University of Oxford, MSt, 2003
- Yale University, BA, *cum laude*, 2002

## Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 2011
- US District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2010
- US District Court, Southern District of New York, 2010

## Clerkships

- Hon. Nicholas G. Garaufis, US District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2009-2010
- Hon. Julio M. Fuentes, US Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 2006-2007

## Service / Recognition

### Awards

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, 2024, 2026
- *New York Law Journal*, Trailblazer, 2019
- Leaders League's *Litigation & Competition Directory*, New York Commercial Litigation, 2018
- *New York Metro Super Lawyers*, Rising Star, Business Litigation, Securities Litigation, 2015-2017
- *New York Law Journal*, Rising Star, 2014

### Community

- City Bar Fund, Board of Directors, Member
- Literacy, Inc., Board of Directors, Former Member; Governance Committee, Former Member
- Luria Academy of Brooklyn, Board of Trustees, Member

### Service to the Bar

- Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- Federal Bar Council