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About Michael

A litigation lawyer, Michael handles high-exposure civil rights matters and employment cases in state and federal courts, representing government entities and their employees. His work includes defending state and local municipalities, state's attorneys, police officers, school districts, and teachers in cases involving Section 1983, reverse convictions, constitutional violations, malicious prosecution, and willful and wanton conduct. Michael also represents and advises contractors in complex legal matters, such as breach of contract, fraud, commercial torts, and business partner disputes.

Areas of Focus

Industries: Government

Services: Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Obtained an appellate court decision affirming summary judgment for a client, forcing the defendant to sell the business property to the client.
- Secured two summary judgment wins for a former assistant state's attorney in a reverse conviction case, based on absolute prosecutorial immunity.
- Led an evidentiary hearing resulting in sanctions against the defendant, including striking all of the defendant's affirmative pleadings and awarding attorney's fees, after proving the defendant fabricated evidence.

Recognition

- Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology, Order of the Coif

Credentials

Education

Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology, JD, *magna cum laude*, 2014
University of Iowa, BA, 2011

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Central District of Illinois
US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, including Trial Bar
US District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

Interests

Did you know...

Michael takes every opportunity to spend time with his wife and daughter.

Thought Leadership

Press Release

- Hinshaw Elects Eleven New Partners in Seven Offices, Jan 2, 2024