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OVERVIEW

Focusing his practice on product liability, Michael is an experienced trial attorney assisting clients through complex tort claims.

Manufacturers and distributors of industrial products, including power generation equipment and friction products, rely on Michael for representation in personal injury and product liability claims regarding alleged exposure to asbestos, benzene, silica and other toxic substances. Michael has also represented building contractors and developers in toxic tort cases, multi-party real estate transaction disputes and insurance coverage claims. He serves as both local and national counsel, representing clients from complaint through resolution.

Additionally, clients appreciate Michael's broad background in commercial litigation. He has experience handling claims involving landlord-tenant disputes, insurance, personal injury, construction defect and soil contamination, among other complex matters. Michael is comfortable and adept helping clients navigate a wide range of legal disputes.

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

Asbestos Litigation
Complex Torts (CXT)
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Product Liability
Toxic Tort

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Experience

PRIOR TO JOINING HUSCH BLACKWELL, MICHAEL WAS INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT LITIGATION:

- *Moody v. Darcoid*: Obtained a non-suit verdict for client in personal injury action.
- *Wareing v. Metalclad*: Obtained a defense verdict for client in a wrongful death action.
- *Patricia Glavin v. BorgWarner*: Trial counsel for client, resolved after argued the MILS and obtained rulings against plaintiffs.
- *Johanson v. BW*: Sole trial counsel for client, resolved the case after MIL arguments in client's favor.
- *Bradd v. Metalclad*: Trial counsel for claims of mesothelioma from exposure, resolved after cross-exam of plaintiff's historical expert.
- *Gazzano v. Asbestos Defendants*: Secured summary judgment win for steam and gasket products manufacturer by contesting evidence submitted by plaintiffs and their experts (2013).
- *Bankhead v. Arvinmeritor*: Obtained summary judgment for friction products manufacturer/distributor defendant based on the doctrine of res judicata (claims preclusion) and plaintiffs' failure to produce admissible evidence RG 12632899 (2014).
- *Steele v. Asb. Corp Limited*: Won summary judgment for HVAC contractor on grounds that Supreme Court precedent limits certain "paraoccupational" claims SFSC 275431 (2013).
- *Bell v. Arvinmeritor*: Secured summary judgment for brake-grinding equipment manufacturer in federal court case by arguing that liability did not extend to products manufactured by third parties, USDC 12-cv-60143 (2013).

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Education

- J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law
- B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz
    - Economics and Legal Studies

Admissions

- California

Community Leadership

- Mill Valley PTA
- Little League and youth baseball, basketball and volleyball, coach
- University of San Francisco School of Law Alumni, moot court and mock interview programs
- California State Bar, examination and admission requirement committees

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*Contact Michael to set up an in-person consultation by appointment in the Oakland office.



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