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Michael maintains a broad real estate, financial services and corporate and commercial law practice. Michael's practice focuses on:

- Acting for purchasers and vendors in purchase transactions;
- Acting for landlords and tenants in leasing matters;
- Acting for borrowers and lenders in a broad range of secured and debt financing transactions;
- Advising lenders and borrowers in a broad range of corporate and commercial, real estate and banking transactions;
- Private financings;
- Corporate reorganizations and amalgamations; and
- Negotiating, drafting and reviewing commercial agreements.

Prior to joining BLG, Michael articled and practiced at a prominent Calgary law firm.

Experience

- Advising REMONDIS Maintenance & Services International GmbH on its acquisition of Canadian industrial maintenance service provider CIMS Limited Partnership.

Insights & Events

- Author, "Texas hold ’em or taxes hold ’em? Taxes and gambling in Canada", BLG Article, July 2023
- Autonomous vehicle laws in Canada: Provincial & territorial regulatory review, BLG Perspective, January 2023

Beyond Our Walls

Professional Involvement

- Member, Canadian Bar Association
- Member, Law Society of Alberta
- Member, Calgary Bar Association

Community Involvement

- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids, 2022-present

Awards & Recognition

- Recognized in the 2027 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Canada* as “Ones to Watch” (Real Estate Law)

Bar Admission & Education

- Alberta, 2021

- JD, University of Manitoba, 2020
- Bachelor of Recreation Management and Community Development (Distinction), University of Manitoba, 2016

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