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Michael practices investment management and securities law. He focuses in the areas of:

- registrant regulation
- securities compliance
- derivatives registration and documentation matters
- hedge/pooled/private equity funds

Michael advises securities registrants throughout their securities registration and compliance lifecycles, including foreign and Canadian advisers, dealers and fund managers on registration and ongoing securities compliance matters. He is a member of the [Derivatives group](#) which has been recognized as Global Capital's Canadian Law Firm of the Year for derivatives, an award it has received every year since 2014.

He also advises both offshore and domestic hedge and private equity funds on the sale of their product in Canada and the regulatory aspects of private placements.

Additionally, Michael acts for investment funds and other entities that use derivatives, including:

- negotiating the ISDA, futures and other standard documentation
- advising on derivatives regulatory compliance matters

## Experience

- Franklin Templeton (NYSE:BEN), a global investment management organization, in its acquisition of Legg Mason, Inc. (NYSE:LM)

## Insights & Events

- Author, "Everything you need to know about the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (CIRO): a dynamic resource", BLG Article, April 2024
- Author, "CIRO requests comments on major changes to Investment Dealer Approved Person proficiencies", BLG Article, September 2023
- Pearls of wisdom: Investment management regulatory trends and preparing for the new SRO, BLG Video, January 2023
- Author, "New Single SRO and Protection Fund for year-end 2022 – status and next steps", BLG Article, August 2022
- Author, "Fund total cost reporting – Coming to investor statements by 2025?", BLG Article, June 2022
- Author, "Surging through 2021 to 2022: BLG's Vision of the Client Focused Reforms", BLG Article, February 2021
- Author, "CSA seek to require registrants to help defend clients against financial exploitation ", BLG Article, July 2020
- Author, "CSA provide further flexibility for securities registrants - CRM Specialists and CCOs", BLG Article, July 2020
- Author, "Surging to 2021: BLG's 2020 Vision of the Client-Focused Reforms", BLG Article, January 2020
- Author, "OSC's Regulatory Burden Reduction Proposals – Potential Benefits to Investment Funds and Registrants", BLG Article, December 2019
- Author, "CSA Regulatory Burden Reduction Proposals for Investment Funds: A solid step in the right direction", BLG Article, October 2019
- Author, "Concrete Regulatory Burden Reduction From the OSC: A Great Start (Maybe Not as Good as We Had Hoped)", BLG Article, July 2019
- Author, "Department of Finance Reveals Resolution Regime for Financial Market Infrastructures", BLG Article, April 2019
- Author, "ISDA Reveals Framework for Smart Derivatives Contracts", BLG Article, November 2018
- Author, "Cryptocurrency and Blockchain — Charting Recent News and Developments", BLG Article, September 2018
- Author, "OSFI Proposes Changes to its Leverage Requirements Guideline", BLG Article, August 2018
- Author, "CSA Releases Derivatives Business Conduct Rule for Further Comment", BLG Article, June 2018
- Author, "Long-awaited Proposed Canadian Derivatives Registration Arrives", BLG Article, April 2018
- Author, "Canadian Government Tables Bail-In Regulations", BLG Article, August 2017
- Author, "Author, "Disclosing "Outside Business Activities" – OSC Amnesty Deadline Ends March 27, 2015," BLG Investment Management Bulletin, January 2015 ", BLG Article, January 2015

## Beyond our Walls

### Professional Involvement

- Member, Law Society of Upper Canada

- Member, Ontario Bar Association

## Community Involvement

- Volunteer, BLG Reads to Kids
- Volunteer, BLG Client Counselling Competition

## Bar Admission & Education

- Ontario, 2012
- JD, University of Toronto, 2011
- BSc (Hons.), University of Toronto, 2006

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