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Practice Areas

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Construction & Development

Education

- Detroit College of Law
J.D.
Member of the Detroit College Law Review
- University of Colorado
Bachelor of Science

Bar Admissions

- Michigan
- Illinois
- Florida

Court Admission

- U. S. Federal Courts

Overview

Michael Jacobson is an attorney in our Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice group. He centers his practice in the areas of complex litigation, real estate litigation, class action litigation, partnership, and shareholder disputes, construction disputes, and employment disputes. He represents a variety of sophisticated clients, including private equity funds and their portfolio companies, publicly-traded companies, and national, regional, and local real estate companies.

Michael advises his clients on the litigation aspects of business purchase and sale agreements, restrictive covenants in employment agreements, and real estate purchase and sale agreements. His litigation practice includes all elements of initial pleading and case management, discovery, substantive motions, trial and appeals.

Michael is admitted to practice in several states and is a member of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) where he is frequently invited to speak on litigation, construction law, and dispute resolution.

Significant Matters

- Successfully defended a private equity portfolio company against a \$27 million dollar claim on representations and warranty claims.
- Successfully defended insurer against a representations and warranty claim on a \$2.3 billion dollar investment.
- Successfully won a multi-million dollar settlement against a public company involving breach of fiduciary duties.
- Successfully represented a contractor against a \$72 million dollar claim brought by a municipality.
- Obtained a \$4 million dollar settlement for a buyer of an e-commerce digital company.
- Successfully litigated a specific performance claim on a \$5.2 million dollar real estate purchase.
- Successfully completed a business divorce of a multi-million dollar surveying company.
- Successfully defended an audit seeking multi-millions in reimbursement for contractor client.

Publications

- "Defeating Class Certification In A Residential Mold Case," Mealey's Litigation Report, Vol. 3, #3 (2003)

Speaking Engagements

- "Private Equity in the Cannabis Space; Advantages and Pitfalls", ICLE's 4th Annual Marijuana Law Conference October 2019
- "Listen Now! Real Estate of Mind," Farbman Group's February 2017 podcast

Affiliations

- Detroit Regional Chamber
- Care House Gala Co-Chair 2018 and 2019
- State Bar of Michigan
- The Florida State Bar
- Illinois State Bar
- Oakland County Bar Association

Recognition

- Inducted to the Michigan Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, 2018
- Top Attorney in Michigan 2012 Business Litigation
- Michigan Lawyers Weekly "Lawyer of the Year," 2007
- Crain's Detroit Business "40 Under 40" Award, 2007
- Michigan Super Lawyer 2011 – 2020