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Mike is a litigator, strategist and adviser to a wide variety of sophisticated businesses, including in the financial services and investment, automotive, pharmaceutical and cannabis industries. He practices regularly in Colorado, California and New York, and appears in state and federal courts and in FINRA arbitration nationwide. Named a 2017 “Lawyer of the Year” by *Law Week Colorado*, he currently chairs the firm’s [Investments & Asset Management Litigation Practice Group](#) and is a member of the [Cannabis Law](#), [Financial Services Industry](#) and [Appellate](#) practice groups, among others. Mike’s management philosophy harnesses the power of diverse, egalitarian and well-rounded legal teams, in which all members’ life experiences and talents foster entrepreneurial, creative solutions for clients.

Complex Commercial Litigation

Mike has litigated an array of complex commercial cases, often involving significant exposure.

Financial Crisis

For more than a decade, Mike has litigated the fallout from the 2008 financial crisis, including as lead counsel to the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy estate for mortgage-backed securities (RMBS)-related matters. In that role, he defended more than \$80 billion in mortgage-related claims brought against the Lehman estate and prosecuted thousands of claims against sellers of defective mortgage loans. Mike has also represented both institutional investors and investment banks in several multibillion-dollar RMBS trials, achieving, in one case, what the *New York Post* called “a whopping defeat” of an \$11.4 billion claim.

Brand and Business Protection

Mike has substantial experience in brand and business protection, both as a preventative strategist and adviser and as a litigator. He has provided counseling and litigated cases involving trade secrets, trademarks and non-compete agreements in the financial services, pharmaceutical and medical device industries. Mike immerses himself in clients’

businesses to thoroughly understand their goals and challenges and to design comprehensive legal strategies in which litigation is only one of many tools for achieving success.

Pharmaceutical Products Liability

Mike represents pharmaceutical manufacturers alleged to have violated products liability law.

Business Divorce and Corporate Governance

Mike represents senior executives and founders in disputes concerning corporate governance and business divorce and in internal investigations. These cases are often highly charged, and managing both the legal and emotional aspects of these disputes is critical to preventing further harm to the organization and its people.

Cannabis Law

The legalization of adult use cannabis in Colorado, California and beyond has created a demand for sophisticated counsel who can adapt to ever-changing business and legal environments and provide reliable advice to clients in a field with little legal precedent. In this respect, Mike excels because of his experience handling multibillion-dollar bet-the-company matters, the laser-focus and steady hand he developed in his military and law enforcement service and his aptitude for solving difficult—often novel—legal problems. Clients in the cannabis space (and beyond) benefit from Mike's personal experience as an entrepreneur and business owner as well as the extensive resources of the firm's Cannabis Law Practice Group, which is ranked among the nation's leaders by Chambers USA.

Mike's cannabis law experience includes conducting internal investigations, litigating and mediating disputes, advising on M&A transactions and consulting on regulatory matters in both Colorado and California. In 2018, *Databird Research Journal* named Mike one of 250 "Cannabis Law Experts," and in 2019, Mike was selected by the Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Division to participate in rulemaking under Colorado's investment-promoting statute, HB19-1090.

Before Fox Rothschild

Mike served as a combat medic in the Israel Defense Forces and later as a metropolitan Denver area police officer. After graduating *summa cum laude* from the University of Colorado and first in his class from the University of Denver College of Law, Mike began his legal career with the international law firm of Arnold & Porter, and later formed Rollin Braswell Fisher LLC (RBF Law), for which he was recognized as an Elite Boutique Trailblazer by the *National Law Journal*. RBF Law merged with Fox Rothschild in June 2018.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Mike uses his platform to support social justice and public interest organizations, and he maintains an active pro bono practice. Mike supports the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network, the Denver Public Schools Foundation and the Center for Legal Inclusiveness, and is a member of the firm's Diversity Committee. Mike is particularly focused on empowering women and other underrepresented communities in the legal profession.

Mike's pro bono efforts include representing a parent group opposed to armed teachers in their children's schools, helping secure asylum for an Eritrean torture victim, and ensuring the legal right of a high school gay/straight alliance club to exist and provide support to its student population.

Honors & Awards

- Named to a list of 250 Cannabis Law Experts by *Databird Research Journal* (2018)



- Lawyer of the Year, *Law Week Colorado* (2017)
- Ranked in *Chambers USA*
- Rated AV Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Elite Boutique Trailblazer, *The National Law Journal* (2017)
- Colorado Super Lawyers for Securities Litigation (2014-2019)
- Top 100: 2015, Colorado Super Lawyers
- Local Litigation Star, *Benchmark Litigation* (2017, 2018)
- Local Litigation Star in Colorado – Plaintiff, *Benchmark Litigation* (2014)
- Colorado Rising Stars (2010-2013)

Practice Areas

- Investments & Asset Management Litigation
- Litigation
- Appellate Practice
- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Cannabis Law
- Capital Markets
- Directors' & Officers' Liability & Corporate Governance
- Financial Restructuring & Bankruptcy
- Financial Services Industry
- IP Litigation
- Israel
- Labor & Employment
- Privacy & Data Security
- Securities Industry
- Unfair Competition & Trade Secrets

Bar Admissions

- California
- Colorado
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Arkansas

- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Education

- University of Denver Sturm College of Law (J.D.)
 - Order of St. Ives
 - First in Class
- University of Colorado (B.A., *summa cum laude*)

Memberships

- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), National Panel of Arbitrators
- Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA), Compliance & Legal Society
- International Cannabis Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- The State Bar of California

Languages

- Hebrew