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Michael is the Administrative Partner for the New York Real Estate Practice and Former Managing Partner of the firm's New York Office. He is also an active member of the Intellectual Property and Hospitality practice groups.

Michael's real estate practice focuses on complex commercial transactions. He has broad-based experience in commercial real estate, with particular emphases on sales, acquisitions, development, financing, commercial leasing, joint ventures and management transactions. He represents owners, developers, landlords and tenants of office, retail, residential and special-use properties, including restaurants and hotels.

In the Hospitality Group, Michael handles restaurant leasing and leasing advisory services and strategy for high-end restaurants nationally.

In addition, Michael represents petroleum companies in connection with complex multisite acquisitions and sales, leasing and financing of their real estate assets, including refiners, wholesalers and distributors of well-known branded retail gas product, as well as the landlords and tenants of retail motor fuel facilities. He also represents petroleum company clients as franchisors in their distributor and franchise relationships with franchisees of branded retail motor fuel service stations.

As the administrative partner of the New York real estate practice, Michael is involved in the management of litigation strategies for real estate developers and landlords, strategically overseeing foreclosure actions and commercial lease disputes.

Having previously served as in-house counsel to a privately held software company and led clients through complex biotechnology and pharmaceutical joint venture, distribution, manufacturing and commercialization programs, Michael's clients demand his continued representation in technology and intellectual property-related transactions, advising clients in the protection and exploitation of intellectual property assets.

### **Before Fox Rothschild**

Michael was an attorney with a New York law firm, and was senior counsel to a software company.

### **Beyond Fox Rothschild**

Michael is an elected member of the New York State Bar Association's Electronic Communications Committee and a member of the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources' Petroleum Marketing Committee.



### **Practice Areas**

- Real Estate
- Intellectual Property
- Hospitality
- Trademarks
- Trade Secrets
- Environmental
- Real Estate & Housing Finance
- EB-5 Immigrant Investor Services
- Franchising & Distribution

### **Bar Admissions**

- New York

### **Education**

- Jacob D. Fuchsberg, Touro Law Center (J.D., 1997)
- Hofstra University (B.A., 1994)

### **Memberships**

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association Task Force on Electronics Communication
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, Petroleum Marketing Committee