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Before Fox Rothschild

Michael was a partner at Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP, which combined with Fox Rothschild in 2018. He also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr., Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit (1974-1975).

Honors & Awards

- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Advocate, American Board of Trial Advocates
- Listed in South Carolina *SuperLawyers* under Business Litigation (2008-2016)
- Selected to *Super Lawyers Business Edition* for Business Litigation (2013-2015)
- Selected by his peers as Greenville *Best Lawyers* Lawyer of the Year (Woodward/White, Inc.):
 - Bet-the-Company Litigation (2011)
 - Real Estate Litigation (2014)
- Listed for 20 years in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Woodward/White, Inc.) for Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Banking and Finance Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation (Defendants)
- Recognized by *Chambers USA*, as one of South Carolina Leaders, Litigation, 2009, General Commercial Litigation (2010-2015)
- Benchmark Litigation, South Carolina Litigation Star (2008, 2013, 2016)
- Rated AV Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®

Practice Areas

- Litigation

Bar Admissions

- South Carolina

Court Admissions



- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina

Education

- University of South Carolina School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1974)
 - Member, Board of Editors, SC Law Review
 - Society of Wig & Robe
 - Cy Young Award (Outstanding Third Year Student)
- College of St. Thomas (B.A., 1969)

Memberships

- South Carolina Commission on Lawyer Conduct (2003-present)
- Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, South Carolina Supreme Court (1990-1993)
- Executive Committee member, Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, South Carolina Supreme Court (1993-1997)
- Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, Permanent Member
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow