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Michael concentrates his practice in the areas of corporate and securities law.

His focus is on:

- complex corporate transactions
- mergers and acquisitions
- financing
- federal securities regulations under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Michael also counsels and assists hospitals, nonprofit foundations, skilled nursing facilities, and other clients in handling overlapping business, financial, governance, and legal issues. For over 30 years, he has served as outside general counsel to Deborah Heart and Lung Center and Deborah Hospital Foundation in Browns Mills, NJ.

From 2000 to 2008, Michael served as Chair of the firm's Corporate Department. From 2003 to 2006, Michael served as a member of the Executive Committee of Fox Rothschild.

Michael also serves as Assistant General Counsel at Fox Rothschild.

### Reported Case

In [\*Matter of Fount-Wip Distributors of So. Jersey, Bankrupt\*](#), 4 B.R. 424 (Bankr.D.N.J. 1980), Michael successfully secured for the Trustee of the estate of the bankrupt the proceeds of a life insurance policy, of which the bankrupt was owner and beneficiary. The policy insured the life of the shareholder/CEO of the bankrupt, who died after the filing of the bankruptcy petition. Michael prevailed over the beneficiaries of the estate of the insured, the shareholders of the bankrupt and a bank that had a perfected general security interest in the assets of the bankrupt. The case has been cited several times, most recently in 2010.

### Before Fox Rothschild

Michael was the Managing Partner of Cohen, Shapiro, Polisher, Shiekman, and Cohen in Philadelphia and Lawrenceville, NJ, and a member of its Executive Committee. As an undergraduate at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, he received the Beta Gamma Sigma award for the highest overall grade point average in his graduating class and the Haskins & Sells Award for excellence as an accounting major.

### Beyond Fox Rothschild



Michael writes and speaks frequently on topics such as corporate compliance and business ethics, bioethics, and business and nonprofit law. For more than 10 years, Michael served as a guest lecturer on corporate law and business ethics matters in classes in the graduate and undergraduate divisions of the Wharton School. He is a past president of the Jewish Geriatric Home in Cherry Hill, NJ, and has served as a public member of the Advisory Graduate Medical Education Council of New Jersey.

Michael was also Vice Chair of Astral Artists, a nonprofit whose mission is to discover the most promising classical musicians residing in the United States, assist their early professional career development and present their world-class artistry to the community through concerts and outreach programs.

## Client Resources

### HIPAA & Health Information Technology Blog

Michael contributes to a blog that provides information regarding cutting-edge legal and practical developments that health care providers and businesses must consider with regard to the handling and sharing of health information, including through the use of electronic health records.

[View Blog](#)

## Honors & Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell "AV" rated\*
- Recipient of the *New Jersey Law Journal's* "Unsung Heroes" Award (2020)
- Selected to the "Super Lawyers" list for Business/Corporate in New Jersey (2007)\*
- Named among "New Jersey's Top Rated Lawyers" by *Inside Jersey* and the *Newark Star-Ledger* for his practice in Business and Commercial, Healthcare and Securities Law (2012)

[\\*Awards Methodology](#)

## Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Health Law
- Public Companies
- International
- Franchising & Distribution
- Securities Industry
- Emerging Companies & Venture Capital
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Law Firms & Attorneys
- Privacy & Data Security
- Mergers & Acquisitions

## Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania



### **Education**

- University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., 1969)
- University of Pennsylvania Wharton School (B.S., 1966)
  - Economics

### **Memberships**

- American Health Lawyers Association
- International Association of Privacy Professionals