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Named as one of the leading corporate attorneys in Pennsylvania by *Chambers USA*, Michael represents early- and growth-stage companies in the technology, life sciences, health care and clean tech sectors.

Michael's services include:

- corporate finance
- private equity
- venture capital
- mergers and acquisitions
- securities
- technology law
- leveraging intellectual property
- taxation
- general corporate matters

Michael's experience includes:

- Advising institutional, strategic and private investors on structuring, negotiating and managing investments
- Representing private equity funds in raising capital and advising on requisite disclosures and federal and state securities law compliance
- Assisting growth companies in investment banking, accounting, management, private investor and other critical financing relationships
- Negotiating and documenting corporate transactions such as equity and debt financing, acquisitions, joint ventures and employment compensation and benefit arrangements
- Leveraging a company's intellectual property through licensing, joint venture or development relationships and establishing distribution channels or similar means
- Advising early-stage companies and investors on the opportunities and complexities of equity crowdfunding enabled by the JOBS ACT

Michael's leadership roles within the firm include:

- Former Chair of the Corporate Department
- Steering Committee Member, Life Sciences Practice Group
- Founding member of the firm's Emerging Companies and Venture Capital Practice Group
- Former Managing Partner of the Exton office
- Former member of the firm's Executive Committee

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Michael is a recognized presence in the Philadelphia region's venture capital, technology and entrepreneurial community. He is heavily involved in the Greater Philadelphia Alliance for Capital and Technologies (PACT) and was appointed to IMPACT's Executive Leadership Committee for 2016. In 2010, he was appointed to the organization's board of directors and in 2014 to PACT's Executive Committee. He also served as Chairman of the IMPACT 2013 Venture Summit and as an advisory board member of the Phorum 2014 Technology Conference.

Michael writes and speaks extensively on the promises and pitfalls of equity crowdfunding. He participated as a panelist in the CDFA-BNY Mellon Development Finance Webinar Series: "Crowdfunding - A Finance Opportunity or Fleeting Trend?" and in the Chester County Economic Development Council panel "Crowdfunding: If, When and How To Get in the Game." Michael is frequently quoted in various publications covering this topic, including *Technically Philly*, *VC-List* and *Inc.com*.

Honors & Awards

- Selected to the "Best of the Bar" list by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* (2017)*
- Recognized by Chambers USA for Startups & Emerging Companies - Nationwide (2017, 2019)*
- Recognized by Chambers USA for Corporate Law in Pennsylvania (2009-2016)*
- Named to the "Life Sciences Awards" list for "Best Consultant (Later Stage)" by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* (2010)*
- Named to the "40 Under 40" list by *The Philadelphia Business Journal* (2007)*
- Selected to the "Lawyers on the Fast Track" list by *The Legal Intelligencer* (2007)*
- Selected to the "Super Lawyers" list for Securities and Corporate Finance in Pennsylvania (2006-2018)*
- Named to "The Best Lawyers in America" list for Corporate Law in Pennsylvania by *Best Lawyers* (2009, 2020)



[*Awards Methodology](#)

Practice Areas

- Corporate
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Emerging Companies & Venture Capital
- Executive Compensation
- International



- Life Sciences
- Medical Technology
- Securities Entity Formation
- Technology
- Private Equity

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Education

- Villanova University School of Law (LL.M., 1995)
 - in Taxation
- Villanova University School of Law (J.D., 1994)
- Niagara University (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1991)

Board of Directors

- Greater Philadelphia Alliance for Capital and Technologies (PACT) Executive Committee
- Chester County Keystone Innovation Zone