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Michael focuses his practice in the areas of real estate, business and tax. He joined Kegler Brown in 2012.

Real Estate

Michael's real estate practice includes advising clients in the acquisition, development, disposition, leasing and financing of residential and commercial properties. With Michael's range of knowledge and experience, he is able to guide his clients from the beginning stages of establishing holding entities, drafting and negotiating purchase contracts, and advising on title, survey and environmental issues during the diligence process through leasing to tenants in a completed development.

Michael represents property owners and tenants in lease drafting and negotiations, and has leasing experience ranging from advising a start-up secure its first space to assisting established businesses expanding nationwide and negotiating leases on behalf of institutional landlords. He also assists property owners in drafting standard form leases for use in developments.

Business + Tax

Michael counsels clients in other aspects of business, including contract drafting and negotiation, and business formation and structuring, and tax.

State + Local Taxation

Another aspect of Michael's practice focuses on taxation issues affecting individuals and commercial entities, and he both counsels these clients on tax valuations and practices before county boards of revision and the state board of tax appeals in valuation matters. He also advises and represents clients involved in the tax controversy process, assisting with planning, compliance, assessment, appeals and resolution.

Global Business

Mike works closely with the firm's core global business team on both inbound and outbound projects. For companies headquartered abroad looking at the United States for real estate development and investment, he helps them understand the legal and tax implications of a variety of corporate structuring, financing, lease and purchase options. Mike also works with U.S.-based clients in planning and executing trade and investment strategies abroad.

Professional Affiliations

- + Columbus Bar Association, member
- + International Council of Shopping Centers, member
- + Leadership Columbus, Class of 2021
- + Leadership JewishColumbus, Class of 2020
- + Urban Land Institute, member

Special Honors

- + Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, 2021-2023
- + Selected to the Ohio Rising Star list by *Super Lawyers*, 2017-2024
- + Recognized in Columbus CEO, Best Lawyers, 2022

Charitable + Civic Involvement

- + The Ohio State University Wexner Hillel, Board of Trustees (2015-2021)
- + JewishColumbus, Board of Trustees (2019-present)
- + Jewish Federation of Columbus, Board of Trustees (2017-Present)
- + Columbus Jewish Community Center, Board of Trustees (2017-present)
- + Young Jewish Columbus, Board Chair (2017-2021); Immediate Past Chair (2021-present), Executive Committee (2017-present)
- + Homeport Young Professionals Network, Board Member (2014-2018)
- + B'nai Brith Youth Organization Pops Dworkin/Saul Kaufman AZA Chapter, Advisor (2014-2017)
- + Jewish Federation of Columbus Community Board, Member (2011-2013)

Bar Admissions

- + Ohio

Education

- + The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (J.D., 2012)
- + Syracuse University (B.A., 2008)

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