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PRACTICE AREAS

Health • Commercial Litigation • Commercial Real Estate & Development • Construction Litigation
• Administrative • Intellectual Property & Technology • Regulated Professions
• Residential Real Estate • Alternative Dispute Resolution

BIOGRAPHY

Michael is known for his solution-oriented approach to law, helping clients navigate their most significant legal challenges with precision and care. His dedication to understanding the complexities of each case, combined with a strategic mindset, enables him to deliver tailored legal solutions that address the specific needs of his clients.

EXPERIENCE

Commercial Litigation: Michael has a robust practice in commercial litigation, focusing on resolving contractual disputes, debt recovery, and both advancing and defending negligence claims. His deep understanding of how legal issues impact business operations allows him to offer strategic advice that aligns with his clients' objectives.

Artificial Intelligence: In the rapidly evolving landscape of Artificial Intelligence, particularly in the realm of generative AI, Michael is actively engaged in understanding the critical legal dimensions that intersect with technology. His focus is on the emerging privacy, governance, and regulatory issues that businesses may encounter as they explore AI technologies. With AI advancing at a swift pace, Michael's approach is to stay abreast of the latest developments, ensuring he is well-informed and prepared to navigate the complex legal challenges that arise in this dynamic field. His commitment to this area signifies a proactive stance towards the nuanced legalities businesses must consider in the age of AI innovation.

Leasing and Property Disputes: With extensive experience in commercial leasing and property disputes, Michael assists clients in matters related to purchase and sale agreements, easements, and expropriation. His expertise ensures clients are well-represented in securing their property rights and interests.

Health and Regulated Professions: Michael provides invaluable advice to healthcare professionals, defending against malpractice or negligence lawsuits and addressing proceedings related to governance and licensure. His insight into privacy issues within this sector enhances his ability to offer comprehensive legal guidance.

Michael's practice is marked by a pragmatic approach to litigation, where results-driven strategies are paramount. He excels at issue spotting and understanding the broader implications of disputes on business strategy. Michael believes in the importance of context in legal advice, ensuring that his counsel considers all aspects of a client's situation to achieve the best possible outcome.

Dedicated and forward-thinking, Michael is a distinguished lawyer at Cox & Palmer, committed to excellence in service and legal practice.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Listed in the Best Lawyers in Canada's 2025 Ones to Watch for Corporate and Commercial Litigation.
- Named a Thought Leader by Mondaq's Autumn 2024 Thought Leadership Awards, ranking #3 in Compliance in Canada for his published articles.

LANGUAGES

- English
- French

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
- The Law Society of Manitoba

BAR ADMISSION

- Manitoba (2017)
- Nova Scotia (2020)

LAW SCHOOL

- University of Manitoba

EDUCATION

- University of Winnipeg (BA, 2013)
- University of Manitoba (JD, 2016)
- Computer Science for Lawyers, Harvard Law School (Certificate, 2022)
- Software Product Management Specialization, University of Alberta (Certificate, 2023)
- Berkeley Law AI Institute, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Certificate, 2024)

PUBLICATIONS

- Harnessing AI in Wind Energy: Risks, Opportunities, and the Role of Contractual Clarity
- Addressing AI Bias and Discrimination: A Critical Path to Responsible AI
- Transparency and Accountability in AI Systems: Building Trust Through Openness
- Necessity and Proportionality: Balancing AI Innovation with Privacy
- Legal Authority and Consent in Generative AI: Ensuring Compliance and Building Trust
- Introduction to OPC's Generative AI Principles: A Guide for Canadian Businesses
- Notice to Employers: Be Careful – Your Employees Might Be Using Generative AI in the Workplace
- Canada's Artificial Intelligence and Data Act (AIDA) 2024: A Comprehensive Guide

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Canadian Technology Law Association
- International Association for Artificial Intelligence and Law

- Nova Scotia Medical Legal Society
- Advocates Society

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

- Ai Adoption Committee
- Recruitment Committee

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Nova Scotia Health Authority Research Ethics Board Member (2023 – present)
- CFB Halifax Curling Club member (2023 – present)
- Grace Hospital Foundation, Board Member (2018-2020)