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Michael has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America in Alternate Dispute Resolution and Arbitration since 2006. In 2008 he was selected as a Panelist for the American Arbitration Association National Roster of Neutrals, where he serves on the Commercial, Employment, and Large Complex Case panels. He is a member of the Indiana Supreme Court Diversity in ADR Committee. Michael has an AV Peer Rating from Martindale-Hubbell.



Michael received his Juris Doctorate from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1980. Following graduation, he served as Law Clerk to the Honorable James E. Noland, United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana. Michael is a Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators and Diplomate of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

Michael is Chair of the annual Advanced Civil Mediation Training course in Indiana. Michael was a founding member of the IBA Settlement Week in 1986. He served as Chair of the Indiana State Bar Association ADR Section, was a member of the Board of Directors for Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, and is Past President to the Board of Directors for the Indiana Bar Foundation. Michael received the "Excellence in Continuing Legal Education Award" from ICLEF, its highest award of achievement for commitment to continuing legal education. Michael is also past President of the Sagamore American Inn of Court, where he continues to serve as one of the founding Benchers of the Inn.

Education

- Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, J.D., 1980
- Harvard Law School The Program on Negotiation
- Pepperdine Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Advanced Mediation Seminar
- AAA Healthcare Mediation Course

Certification/Specialties

Registered Mediator, Indiana Supreme Court, 1992

Bar Admissions

- Indiana Supreme Court
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals 7th Circuit
- United States District Court Southern District of Indiana
- United States District Court Northern District of Indiana

Classes/Seminars Taught

- Mediating Complex Cases, Association of Attorney Mediators, Nashville, Tennessee, 2025
- Dealing with Motion Practice as the Arbitrator, AAA Regional Zoom Roundtable, 2023

- Why Some Mediations Fail and How to Avoid it, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2023
- Mediating Insurance Coverages Cases, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2023
- Mediating and Negotiation of Difficult Cases, ICLEF, 2022
- Chair, Annual Advanced Mediation Training, ICLEF, 1997-Present
- Probate Mediation, ICLEF, 2011-Present
- Avoiding Pessimism in Mediation, Florida Mediation Institute, 2011
- Teaching Faculty, Indiana Trial Advocacy College, ICLEF, 2007-2019
- Panelist, Advanced Civil Mediation, The Masters Series, ICLEF, 2009-Present
- Probate Mediation Tips, ICLEF, 2009, 2017, and 2020
- Resolving Probate and Trust Disputes in Mediation, Midwest Estate, Tax & Business Planning Institute, 2013, 2016, and 2020
- Mediator Ethics, Association of Attorney-Mediators, Dallas, Texas, 2019
- Employment Arbitration, ICLEF, 2018
- Current Topics in Civil Mediation, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2010, 2015, 2017, and 2023
- Faculty, Advanced Civil Mediation Training, Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, 2009-Present
- Mediating Probate and Trust Cases, ICLEF, 2009, 2015, and 2017
- Indiana ADR Rules and Case Law, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Public Policy Mediation Course, 2009-2017
- Mediation of Estate and Trust Disputes, ICLEF Estate and Trust Administration Skills Series, 2013 and 2017
- Current Trends in Probate & Estate Litigation & Mediation, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2013
- Settlement in Civil Litigation, Indianapolis Bar Association, 2013
- Negotiation Strategies with Mediation, ICLEF, 2010
- Ethics in Mediation, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, 2009
- Mediation Under Fire, ACCTM Annual Meeting, Rockport, Maine, 2008

Honors and Awards

- Member, Indiana Supreme Court Diversity in ADR Committee
- Member, Association of Attorney-Mediators
- Panelist, American Arbitration Association National Roster of Neutrals
- Best Lawyers in America in Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Distinguished Fellow, International Academy of Mediators
- Diplomate, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- Fellow, Indiana State Bar Association
- Distinguished Fellow, Indianapolis Bar Foundation
- AV Preeminent Rating, Judicial Edition Martindale-Hubbell
- AV Peer Review Rated- Martindale-Hubbell
- Leadership in the Law, Distinguished Barrister, Indiana Lawyer

Professional Associates and Memberships

- American Bar Association, ADR Section
- Indianapolis Bar Association, Board of Directors, 2015-2017
- Indiana State Bar Association, ADR Section, Past Chair
- Indiana State Bar Association Board of Governors, Past Secretary
- ICLEF, Past Secretary, Board of Directors
- Indiana Bar Foundation, Past President
- Sagamore American Inn of Court, Past President
- Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Board of Visitors, 2013-2021
- Indiana University McKinney School of Law Public Policy Mediation, Faculty, 2008-2017