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Michael structures acquisitions and provides outside general counsel services for closely held and emerging businesses in Idaho and beyond—turning complex transactions into straightforward paths to growth.

Michael advises closely held businesses, emerging companies, and entrepreneurs on the full arc of a business's life cycle, from formation and early-stage capital raises through mergers and acquisitions (M&A). Michael brings a practical, transaction-focused approach to clients navigating some of the most consequential decisions they will make as business owners.

On the M&A side, Michael represents both buyers and sellers across a range of deal structures. His transactions have spanned industries including construction, food and beverage, senior living, utilities, and software as a service, with deal values reaching into the tens of millions of dollars. He works closely with clients to structure deals, manage risk, and see transactions through from the letter of intent stage to closing.

Beyond his transactional work, Michael serves as outside general counsel for businesses operating across multiple states, providing ongoing counsel on contracts, entity structure, equity grants and restructuring, and real estate matters—both commercial and residential. He also advises start-up and emerging companies on entity formation and fund structures to help them raise capital effectively. Additionally, he advises clients on the process to effectively obtain a liquor and/or beer and wine license from the State of Idaho, whether that be at the application stage or during a transfer of a license through a transaction.

Select Experience

- Represented an equity purchaser in the acquisition of a mechanical/plumbing company located in the Treasure Valley for approximately \$35 million, advising on transaction structuring, due diligence, and closing.

Education

- Mitchell Hamline School of Law (J.D.; Business Law Certificate, 2020)
- Hamline University (B.A., Legal Studies; Minor, Business Administration, 2017)
 - Dean's List; Varsity Baseball

Bar Admissions

- Idaho
- Minnesota
- Washington

- Represented a seller in the sale of the seller's fuel and transportation companies in the State of Alaska for approximately \$36 million, including obtaining rollover equity for the seller, advising on transaction structuring, negotiation, and closing.
- Represented a seller in the sale of the seller's weapon retention system business in the State of Idaho, advising on negotiation, due diligence, closing, and post-closing matters.
- Represented an asset purchaser in the acquisition of a bar and restaurant in the Treasure Valley, advising on asset purchase structure and closing.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Idaho

Professional Affiliations

- Chair, Dorsey's 2024 Associate Council
- Vice Chairperson, Business & Corporate Law Section of the Idaho State Bar

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Business Law Society, Board Member: 1L Representative (2017 – 2018), Vice President (2018 – 2019), and President (2019 – 2020)
- Board Member of a Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation

Accolades

- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program