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Michael structures and negotiates commercial finance transactions representing banks, private equity funds, mezzanine funds, and borrowers—from energy, financial services, manufacturing, technology, transportation, insurance, retail, health care, construction, restaurant and hospitality—giving lenders and borrowers the deal certainty they need to close.

Michael Lii focuses his practice on commercial finance, bringing particular depth to asset-based lending, senior and subordinated debt transactions, leveraged buyouts, second lien financings, cash flow and asset-based financings, and equipment financings. Whether he is representing an agent bank coordinating a syndicated facility, a single lender extending a targeted credit line, or a borrower, Michael structures transactions to protect his clients' economic interests and reduce execution risk.

His lender-side work spans agent bank representations on large syndicated deals as well as single-bank mandates, giving him a practical understanding of how credit agreements are negotiated and administered at every level of a syndicate.

Michael's practice is defined by the breadth of transaction types he handles within the finance space—asset-based facilities secured by receivables or equipment, equity-sponsored borrowers, and complex multi-tranche structures—and by his ability to move between the lender and borrower sides of the table. That cross-perspective experience shapes how he approaches drafting and negotiation, anticipating the other side's concerns before they arise.

Select Experience

- Represented single bank in a \$200 million revolving credit facility secured by receivables and inventory.
- Represented agent bank in a \$250 million revolving and term credit facility secured by receivables, inventory and equipment.

Education

- University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (J.D., 2008)
 - *Berkeley Business Law Journal*, Staff Editor and Submissions Editor, Professor Edward Halbach, Graduate Student Researcher (2006-2008)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (S.M., Economics, 1997)
- University of California, Berkeley (B.A., Economics and Statistics, 1993)
 - Highest Honors in Economics and Departmental Citation in Statistics

Bar Admissions

- Texas

- Represented single bank in a \$65 million revolving and term credit facility secured by receivables, motor vehicles and real estate.
- Represented agent bank in a secured multi-currency \$200 million revolving and term credit facility.

Clerkships

- Judicial Extern, United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of California, Honorable Marilyn Morgan, 2006–2006

Accolades

- Contributed more than 50+ Challenge pro bono hours, 2020-2022

Professional Affiliations

- Texas Rising Stars (Banking), Thomson Reuters' Texas Super Lawyers (2016-2018)
- Lawyers of Color, Southwest Region Hot List, 2013 (OBABL Media)

Insights

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