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Michael is a partner practising in a range of corporate and commercial matters.



“You want to find a solution.”

His practice includes advising businesses on structure, growth, and corporate governance, and he has acted for domestic financial institutions and borrowers in secured transactions involving real and personal property collateral. He has also participated in the acquisition, disposition and financing of office, retail, multi-tenant residential and industrial properties; and has experience acting on behalf of mining operators and lenders in the due diligence phase in mining project development and project financing.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Business
 - Corporate and Commercial
 - Corporate Finance
 - Financial Services
 - Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate
 - Commercial Real Estate

LECTURES, SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author (with Howard Nerman, Adriel Agpalza and Elizabeth Czyrnyj), Pitblado COVID-19 Resource Centre, “Security Documents: Tips for Lenders and Borrowers During COVID-19”, March 24, 2020
- Guest Advisor, Canada/Manitoba Business Service Centre
- Guest Presenter, Rotary Career Symposium, 2010 – 2011
- Co-Author, “Manitoba”, Design-Build Deskbook, 4th Edition

COMMUNITY

- Director, Canadian Sport Centre Manitoba
- Director, The Alumni Association Inc., University of Manitoba
- Employee Campaign Co-Chair, Annual United Way campaign, Pitblado Law, 2010

Q&A

Q: When I’m not at work?

A: I am spending time with my wife and kids..

Q: Book I’m currently reading?

A: Dad is Fat by Jim Gaffigan

Q: What I like about being a lawyer?

A: The relationships that I develop with every new deal that hits my desk.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- The Peter Taraska Memorial Prize in History, University of Manitoba, 2002
- The Elizabeth Desmond Prize in Medieval History, University of Manitoba, 2002
- Dean’s Honor List, University of Manitoba, 2001, 2002

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Manitoba Bar Association
- Canadian Bar Association

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL

- Admitted to the Manitoba Bar, 2009
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Manitoba, 2008
- Advanced Bachelor of Arts, University of Manitoba, 2003