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A member of the firm's nationally recognized investment management practice, Michael represents mutual funds, ETFs, closed-end funds, private funds, independent directors and investment advisers in connection with various regulatory, compliance and transactional matters. He has experience with the establishment, registration, operation and reorganization of registered investment funds (both mutual funds and ETFs), as well as with the compliance obligations of investment advisers and investment companies.

In addition to advising clients on the federal securities laws pertaining to formation, registration and ongoing compliance, Michael drafts and reviews critical documents — such as registration statements, proxy statements, exemptive applications, information statements, shareholder reports and state law filings — and responds to related U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) inquiries. He also assists clients with Form N-14 filings related to reorganization plans and registration statements in connection with affiliated and nonaffiliated fund mergers and acquisitions.

Michael is well versed in the various issues that may arise under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and the Investment Company Act of 1940 and counsels boards of directors on matters related to corporate governance.

Michael is a former staff attorney for then-U.S. Magistrate Judge John Conroy of the District of Vermont and previously served as staff assistant and press assistant for U.S. Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vermont (now senator).

## Featured Representative Matters

- Assisted in the representation of several fund complexes in connection with both internal fund reorganizations and mutual-fund-to-ETF conversions, including counseling clients through the regulatory and proxy solicitor process.
- Assisted in the representation of a leading independent global investment management firm in connection with the client's acquisition of more than 120 funds from a multinational financial services corporation, including certain matters related to the rationalization of the client's product lineup thereafter.
- Assisted in the representation of several leading global investment firms, including matters related specifically to registration statement review and compliance, the drafting of complex strategy and risk disclosure, and the launch of novel investment products including alternative strategy and environmental, social and governance

## Services

- Retail Alternative Funds
- Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)
- Investment Advisers
- Investment Management
- Independent Trustee Counsel
- Listed Closed-End Funds
- Registered Investment Funds
- Private Investment Funds

## Education

- Marshall–Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary (J.D., *cum laude*)
- American University (B.A., *summa cum laude*)

## Admissions

- Virginia
- District of Columbia

(ESG)-focused funds.

- Assisted in the representation of the independent trustees of multiple fund complexes, including counseling independent trustees to both mutual fund and ETF complexes.
- Acts as counsel to a number of 3(c)(1) and 3(c)(7) funds pursuing a variety of strategies, including infrastructure and high-yield municipal debt.

## Memberships

- Member, Virginia Bar Association
- Member, American Bar Association

## Recognitions

- Rising Star, *With Intelligence* (2026)

## Featured Speaking Engagements

- Heard in the Hall: Stradley Attorneys Share Their Thoughts on the 2024 ICI Investment Management Conference Sessions (March 27, 2024)