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Industries & Expertise

INDUSTRIES

Charity & Not-For-Profit | Environmental | Health
| Real Estate

EXPERTISE

Corporate Governance | Mergers & Acquisitions
| Tax | Charities & Not-For-Profit | Private Client
Services

Biography

BAR ADMISSION

British Columbia, 2009

EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of British Columbia, 2008
- B.A., Simon Fraser University, 2005

Michael's practices exclusively in the social impact sector, advising charities, not-for-profit organizations, associations, and social enterprises. With years of experience, he advises on regulatory compliance, governance, restructuring, social enterprise, fundraising, and commercial transactions. Michael assists new organizations with structure and registration, and represents them in dealings with provincial and federal regulators. As a registered parliamentarian, he offers guidance on complex or contentious meetings. His

clients span sectors such as healthcare, education, social services, arts, culture, and environmental causes. Michael also advises on tax compliance, governance, and complex gift planning.

Michael is active in his community and with local and national organizations as a volunteer and board director. He volunteers significant time to provide legal information to the social impact sector.

With affiliations that bolster his legal experience, Michael is associated with key organizations and recognized in prominent legal directories for his excellence in charities and non-profit law, trusts and estates, and corporate governance practice.

Industry involvement

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Charities / Non-Profit Law, 2021-2025; Trusts and Estates, 2022-2025; Corporate Governance Practice, 2024-2025
- *Chambers Canada*, Nationwide, Charities/Non-profits, Chambers and Partners, 2019-2025
- *The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory*, Charities/ Not-For-Profit Law, 2019-2025
- *Best Lawyers in Canada*, Charities/Non-profit Law "Lawyer of the Year," 2021

Thought leadership

- Guest Lecturer, University of Alberta Faculty of Law, Entrepreneurial Law Series, 2024

Community roles

- National Board of Directors, Canadian Association of Gift Planners

Memberships & affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Canadian Association of Gift Planners
- National Association of Parliamentarians
- Parliamentarians Association of British Columbia