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Overview

Michael McClintock represents clients in particularly challenging disputes, bringing focused strategies, diligence, and unwavering commitment to high-stakes litigation and intricate business matters. An accomplished trial attorney with more than 20 years of experience, Michael is dedicated to achieving exceptional results for his clients.

Michael's practice encompasses the full spectrum of business-related litigation, trials, and arbitration. He has a proven track record of successfully resolving cases for businesses, executives, owners, individuals, and families across a variety of industries and legal areas. Understanding the immense value of preparation in litigation, Michael and his trial team work tirelessly to uncover the one case, critical fact, or piece of evidence that can tip the balance in their client's favor. It is his aim to outthink, outwork, and outmaneuver his opponents.

His commitment to excellence extends beyond the courtroom. As a trusted advisor, Michael provides sound, strategic counsel to help clients avoid litigation when possible and make informed decisions when disputes arise. Acting as outside general counsel for corporations across industries including technology, advertising, manufacturing, energy, real estate, media and publishing, banking, and construction, Michael helps clients navigate complex legal challenges with confidence.

Known for his determined advocacy, Michael balances tenacity with a practical, client-oriented approach to litigation. His ability to listen, communicate clearly, collaborate, and keep clients informed every step of the way fosters strong attorney-client relationships built on trust, understanding, and responsiveness. His affable demeanor and ability to foster mutual respect with clients, as well as maintaining professionalism and collegiality with judges and opposing counsel, enhance his effectiveness both in and out of the courtroom. It is this approach that has earned Michael a reputation as a respected member of the legal community and "go-to" trial counsel.

Michael brings a unique perspective to the courtroom, channeling all strategies through a primary guiding principle, stating, "Every client deserves an advocate who not only fights relentlessly for their interests but also listens, understands, and guides them through the legal process with care and clarity. My focus is to design a winning litigation strategy based on understanding the clients' challenges, needs, and goals to deliver meaningful and successful results."

Early in his career, Michael worked for two federal judges at the trial and appellate level, gaining invaluable insight into judicial processes and decision-making. His courtroom success is also shaped by the discipline and strategic thinking honed during his military service, where he served as an officer aboard the USS Joseph Hewes.

Education

- Oklahoma City University School of Law, 1998 (J.D.), *summa cum laude*
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 1992 (B.S.)

Bar Admissions

- Oklahoma, 1998

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

Community Involvement

- Oklahoma City University Law School Alumni, Board of Directors
- Oklahoma County Bar Association, Fee-Grievance Committee
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Deacon
- Youth Soccer, Basketball, and Baseball Coach

Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation; Construction Litigation; Environmental Litigation; Intellectual Property Litigation; Patent Litigation; Securities Litigation
  - Oklahoma City Construction Litigation Lawyer of the Year, 2022, 2024
- *Oklahoma Super Lawyers*, 2011-2023, 2026
  - Top 50 Lawyers, 2014, 2018
  - Rising Stars, 2008
- *Benchmark Litigation*, Local Litigation Star
- Martindale-Hubble, AV Preeminent

Memberships

- Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals Historical Society
- Oklahoma County Bar Association, Litigation Section; Intellectual Property Section
- Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy
- William J. Holloway American Inn of Court, Barrister

Related Experience

- Defended a manufacturer in a high-stakes, 14-day patent infringement trial, securing a complete victory that included findings of non-infringement, patent invalidity, and inequitable conduct by the plaintiff. A multimillion-dollar counterclaim verdict was awarded, holding the plaintiff liable for tortious interference with the client's business. Additionally, a subsequent lawsuit piercing the corporate veil ensured full collection of the judgment.
- Led a five-day jury trial on behalf of an international manufacturer and distributor based in Singapore, defeating allegations of breach of contract and breach of warranty.
- Prevailed in a seven-day jury trial for a nationwide catalog and television marketing corporation, defeating claims of fraud, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy, and corporate dissolution.
- Served as lead trial counsel in a three-day arbitration before the American Arbitration Association (AAA), obtaining a favorable outcome for a software development company in a case involving breach of contract and copyright infringement.
- Secured a multimillion-dollar judgment in a case of financial fraud and breach of fiduciary duty, saving a closely held family business that had thrived for over four decades but was nearly dismantled by a CEO who diverted millions to a competing venture.
- Achieved a decisive judgment in favor of clients wrongfully accused of financial fraud and breach of fiduciary duty. The case involved a family trust dispute stemming from a real estate transaction exceeding $500 million.
- Successfully defended an oil and gas company and its CEO against $100 million fraud and breach of contract claims. Negotiated a favorable settlement that preserved the company's financial stability and reputation, averting potential bankruptcy.
- Resolved a high-stakes toxic tort lawsuit as lead counsel for an American subsidiary of a Finland-based plumbing and heating systems supplier. The case involved groundwater contamination allegations and was pivotal to the liquidation of the parent corporation's U.S. real estate assets.
- Represented an Argentine oil and gas company in international arbitration in London, defeating claims brought by an American oil company over alleged breaches of contractual rights to Argentine oil reserves.
- Secured a favorable resolution for a large physician group following a $250 million acquisition, defeating securities fraud claims from a disgruntled physician who sought $25 million in damages for alleged fraudulent inducement.
- Obtained dismissal of claims against website operators in a high-profile wrongful death and negligence lawsuit. Plaintiffs alleged the site facilitated the private sale of a firearm used in a fatal shooting.
- Prevailed as lead counsel for a valve and controls manufacturer in a trademark infringement lawsuit. Defeated counterclaims alleging fraud, invalid trademark registrations, and antitrust violations.
- Successfully enforced a noncompete agreement on behalf of a national lumber distributor following a multimillion-dollar merger. The case targeted a competitor violating contractual obligations.
- Defended a Texas real estate development company in a trademark infringement lawsuit, halting a competitor's use of a confusingly similar name to capitalize on the goodwill of the client's acclaimed hotel and condominium project.
- Resolved a CERCLA and toxic tort lawsuit for a Finland-based international supplier of plumbing and heating systems, addressing groundwater contamination allegations involving trichloroethylene (TCE). The resolution enabled the parent corporation to liquidate its U.S. real estate holdings.
- Secured judgment in favor of a Texas preferred provider organization (PPO) in a breach of contract case, holding the defendant accountable for failure to pay for PPO services rendered.
- Defended a regional banking institution in a bilingual international domain name arbitration, successfully preventing a Korean company from using the bank's registered trademark as a link to a pornography website.
- Successfully defended a valve and controls manufacturer against claims of multimillion-dollar damages arising from a catastrophic boiler explosion that caused severe burns to the plaintiff.
- Coordinated pre-litigation investigation and accident reconstruction to ensure a manufacturing client was not named in a lawsuit involving a tank truck explosion in a commercial building.

- Achieved a favorable result for a manufacturer of industrial valves and controls in a personal injury lawsuit involving a gas line explosion that resulted in the severing of the plaintiff's legs.
- Defended a regional bank against breach of contract and fraud claims brought by a lender and real estate developer. The plaintiff, seeking to close a loan, had failed to disclose material facts and misrepresented information to induce the loan approval.