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About Michael

Mike Helmer is the Americas deputy practice group leader for the Corporate Practice in our New York and New Jersey offices. His practice is focused primarily on M&A, corporate finance and other commercial transactions. He has closed scores of transactions in his 30 years of practice, and is perpetually recognized as a *Chambers*-rated lawyer. Mike has particular expertise in cross-border matters and regularly acts as outside general counsel to privately held companies.

In the past few years, Mike has been the lead US Corporate partner in more than US\$1 billion of M&A transactions in the life sciences, technology, telecom, energy and power, and transportation/infrastructure sectors. He has been named a Super Lawyer and Top Deal Maker by NJ Biz and previously served as Adjunct Professor in Corporate Finance at Seton Hall Law School.

With respect to charitable and *pro bono* endeavors, Mike has served on a number of boards and committees with 501(c)(3) and other non-profit organizations, including the Summit Public Foundation, the United States Golf Foundation, Baltusrol Golf Club and Summit Elks Lodge No. 1246. He has lectured at the Entrepreneurial Bootcamp for Veterans on multiple occasions and was named by the Boy Scouts of America in 2018 as one of their Distinguished Citizens of the Year. He was previously honored by the Arc of New Jersey, an organization that protects the human rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental differences.

Credentials

Education

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1988
- St. Lawrence University, B.A., 1984

Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York

Memberships & Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- New Jersey Bar Association
- New York Bar Association
- Trustee, Finance Committee, Summit Area Public Foundation
- United States Golf Association, Museum and Library Committee
- Baltusrol Golf Club, History and Law Committees
- Former Councilman, City of Summit, New Jersey

Recognitions

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2023-2025 for Corporate Law.
- Recognized in *Chambers and Partners USA* as "the quintessential business lawyer" by impressed clients, who also praise his ability to "understand the client's perspective" and to "advise on extremely complex deals."
- Named by *New Jersey Business News* as one of its top attorney "Deal Makers."
- Recognized as a New Jersey Super Lawyer.

Expertise

Services

- Financial Services
- Corporate
- Capital Markets
- Private Equity

Industries

- Energy & Natural Resources
- Life Sciences

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