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### Director

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#### **Languages spoken**

English | German | Spanish



### About Michael

Michael is a director in the Litigation Practice Group based in our Böblingen office.

He has substantial expertise in global product liability defence, e-discovery, class action defence, regulatory and recall obligations, implementing corporate document management/retention programmes and advising on cross-border legal issues involving the taking of evidence outside of the US and the interface between US discovery obligations and EU data protection and privacy laws.

### Experience

- Representation of automotive manufacturers and suppliers in product liability litigation and regulatory matters worldwide, from notice of claim to settlement or trial.
- Management of e-discovery projects involving litigation and internal compliance investigations.
- Review of product labelling, marketing material and consumer information from a product liability perspective.

### Credentials

#### **Education**

- St. John's University, LLM in Bankruptcy Law,
- University of Mississippi, J.D.,
- Millsaps College, B.A., *cum laude*,

#### **Admissions**

- Registered Foreign Attorney at Law Stuttgart, 2005
- New York, 2004

#### **Memberships & Affiliations**

- Defense Research Institute

- Phi Delta Phi International Legal Society

## Expertise

### Services

- Litigation

## Publications & Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, *AI Agents in Legal Practice – What Legal Professionals Need to Know Before Taking the Next Step*, General Counsel 360, December 11, 2025.
- Panelist, *In Control and Defensible: Mastering Legal Review in a High-Stakes Data Landscape*, DACH, General Counsel 360, June 10, 2025.
- Panelist, *Best Practices in E-discovery and Compliance for Regulatory Investigations*, General Counsel 360, 19 December 2024.
- Panelist, *The Impact of Data Privacy Regulations on Litigation and Arbitration Proceedings*, General Counsel 360, 23 October 2024.
- Moderator, *E-discovery Best Practices and Compliance*, General Counsel 360, 23 September 2024.
- Co-Panelist, Round Table Discussion, *Unleashing the Power of AI for Your Corporate E-discovery Processes*, GeneralCounsel360 (22 February 2024).
- Moderator, Round Table Discussion, *E-discovery Best Practices and Compliance*, GeneralCounsel360 (26 September 2024).
- Co-Panelist, Global Litigation & E-Discovery ConfEx, *The Impact of Data Privacy Regulations on Litigation and Arbitration Proceedings*, GeneralCounsel360 (23 October 2024).
- Co-Panelist, Panel Discussion: *Best Practices in E-discovery and Compliance for Regulatory Investigations*, GeneralCounsel360 (19 December 2024).
- Co-author, with Katherine Jones, "Dispute in the United States," *Market Intelligence - Dispute Resolution 2019*, Getting the Deal Through, May 2019.
- Featured presenter, "The New State of the Art: Are YOU Leveraging eDiscovery Analytics?" DKN Networks, 5th Annual Litigation Summit, Berlin, March 3, 2017.
- Co-presenter, „E-Discovery bei Kartellrechtsangelegenheiten: Beispiele und Lösungen aus der Praxis - Besser Sie wappnen sich jetzt!“, DKN Networks 4. Kartellrecht Summit 2015 (Berlin), 23 November 2015.
- Co-presenter, "Expert Briefing: Die fabelhafte Geschichte von Big Data vom viktorianischen Internet bis heute", AmCham Germany/Kroll Ontrack GmbH, 16. July 2015.
- Presenter, "Counterfeit Products and Their Effect on Product Liability Claims", Product Liability Forum, British Institute of International and Comparative Law (London, UK), March 2013.
- Co-author, "Duty to Warn of Fire Risk Due to Spontaneous Combustion", International Law Office, Product Liability Germany, February 2013.
- Co-author, "Liability With Respect to Vehicle Fire", International Law Office, Product Liability Germany, October 2012.
- Co-author, "Damages for "Creeping Defect" Under the German Product Liability Act?" International Law Office, Product Liability Germany, January 2012.

- Co-author, Germany Chapter, "The International Comparative Legal Guide to Class and Group Actions (2012 Ed.)", Global Legal Group Ltd, November 2011.
- Co-author, "Munich Court Rules on Exploding Wine Bottle," International Law Office, Product Liability Germany, October 2011.
- Author, "Recent Legislation Concerning Jurisdiction Over Foreign Manufacturers", Strictly Speaking: The Newsletter of the DRI Product Liability Committee, Vol. 7, Issue 1, March 2010.
- Author, "Legislative Update: Protectionism on the Rise? Recent Attempts to Require Foreign Manufacturers to Post Bond, Assent to Jurisdiction in US Courts", AmCham Commerce Germany Update, March 2009.
- Presenter, "The Wild, Wild West: The Americanization of Class Action Lawsuits in the European Union", DRI Product Liability Conference: Product Liability in the Global Economy (Phoenix, Arizona), 6. February 2008.
- Author, "Recent Developments in EU Representative Action Law", Strictly Speaking: The Newsletter of the DRI Product Liability Committee, Vol. 2, Issue 4, November 2007.
- Interview, "Different Software in Our Brains: US Lawyers in Baden-Württemberg", Accents Magazine, October 2006.

## About our firm

One of the world's strongest integrated law firms, providing insight at the point where law, business and government meet. We deliver commercially focused business solutions by combining our legal, lobbying and political capabilities and invaluable connections on the ground to a diverse mix of clients, from long-established leading corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.