

Michael O'Donnell

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Overview

Mike represents clients in high-stakes corporate and complex commercial disputes nationwide, with a particular focus on litigation before the Delaware Court of Chancery. His experience includes breach of contract, shareholder, earnout, director-and-officer liability, business tort, and employment matters. He supports litigation teams through targeted legal and factual research, pleadings, motion practice, briefing, written discovery, and strategy development.

Mike also maintains an active pro bono practice representing incarcerated individuals in constitutional-rights matters.

Mike earned his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, graduating magna cum laude. He externed for the Honorable Judge Donald C. Nugent of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and participated in Case Western Reserve University's Appellate Litigation Clinic, where he drafted a petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court, prepared appellate briefs, and presented oral argument before the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals. He also served as Co-President of the Student Legislative Initiative of Cleveland, helping draft a Cleveland ordinance establishing a non-police response system for mental health crises, which was signed into law in 2026.

Representative Matters

- Achieved a significant victory for Billings Hockey, LLC and East Idaho Hockey, Inc. in expedited litigation involving the enforceability of hockey league noncompete agreements. Successfully defeated efforts to prevent our clients from competing in a new league, resulting in a favorable resolution and dismissal with prejudice, while protecting their ability to compete in future seasons.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law, 2024, J.D., *magna cum laude*
  - Order of the Coif
  - Executive Articles Editor, *Case Western Reserve Law Review* (Vol.74)
  - Co-President, Student Legislative Initiative of Cleveland (SLIC)
  - Received numerous CALI Excellence for the Future Awards as distinction for highest grade
  - Teaching Assistant, Advanced Appellate Legal Writing (2023)
  - Writing Tutor, 1L Legal Writing (2022-2023)
- Loyola University Chicago, 2019, B.A., Anthropology, *summa cum laude*
  - With honors
  - Minor in History
  - Phi Beta Kappa

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

News & Insights

- Samantha Marchand and Michael O'Donnell Mentioned in Crain's Chicago People on the Move
  December 10, 2024 | Media Mentions