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Michael is an associate attorney with experience in insurance defense litigation, concentrating primarily in no-fault insurance matters and coverage disputes.

Michael began his legal career handling insurance-related fraud and Special Investigations Unit (SIU) matters, gaining early experience in the investigation and analysis of potentially fraudulent insurance claims. In this role, he developed foundational skills in case evaluation, legal research, and litigation strategy within the insurance defense context.

Since 2019, Michael has concentrated his practice in no-fault insurance defense litigation on behalf of insurance carriers. His work includes conducting Examinations Under Oath (EUOs) of claimants involved in motor vehicle accidents, preparing detailed investigative reports, and drafting and filing motion papers and arbitration submissions in collections and coverage disputes. He regularly appears in court for motion return dates and trials and advises insurance company clients on litigation strategy and coverage issues.

In addition, he has extensive experience negotiating settlements with medical providers, managing high-volume no-fault litigation matters, and preparing cases for trial involving expert testimony regarding the medical necessity of services rendered. He also prepares and litigates declaratory judgment actions from inception through resolution involving insurance coverage disputes.

Michael has developed a broad litigation foundation through experience in insurance fraud and Special Investigations Unit (SIU) matters, foreclosure and eviction defense litigation, and insurance defense practice. Early in his career, he represented clients in residential foreclosure and landlord-tenant matters, where he advised on litigation strategy, drafted and filed motion papers, conducted legal research and analysis, and managed discovery in active litigation. He regularly appeared in court for motion hearings, conferences, and eviction proceedings, gaining substantial courtroom

Practices

- Fraud/Special Investigation
- General Liability

experience and strengthening his advocacy and motion practice skills. This foundation supports his current practice representing insurers in complex no-fault insurance disputes from investigation through resolution.

He earned his *juris doctor* from Fordham University School of Law in 2016. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Tulane University in 2012.

Michael is admitted in the state of New York.

Education

- Fordham University School of Law (J.D., 2016)
- Tulane University of Louisiana (B.A., 2012)

Admissions

- New York, 2018