RCO law

Michael S. Messenger

Partner

About Michael

Mike has extensive experience in a variety of business practice areas including strategic growth and other complex merger and acquisition transactions, commercial transactions, corporate governance and commercial real estate transactions. Mike advises entrepreneurs, owners, directors and executives in corporate and entity governance, planning issues, and capital transactions.

His depth of experience is broad and includes advising a variety of stakeholders in their most important transactions. From planning and negotiation to completion, Mike serves as counsel on private equity buyouts, leveraged buyouts, capital formation, and other acquisitions and divestitures in the manufacturing, agribusiness, service, information technology, construction, retail, and real estate sectors.

Mike advises clients on domestic and international sales, distribution, licensing, and other commercial arrangements. He works with banks and other capital and credit sources in arranging and obtaining customized commercial financing.

Mike serves as a trusted advisor to his clients in their most sensitive business affairs. Working with RCO wealth preservation counsel, he advises entrepreneurs in intergenerational ownership transitions designed to achieve the founders unique goals while setting up succeeding generations for continued successes. He is routinely entrusted to navigate the intricacies of difficult internal corporate governance and compliance matters.

Corporate and Commercial Law

Mike advises entrepreneurs, owners, directors and executives in corporate and entity governance, planning issues, and capital transactions. He also has developed a practice niche in the representation of trade associations.

Mergers and Acquisitions

From the planning and negotiation to the consummation of mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and recapitalizations, Mike has extensive experience with multi-tier leveraged buyouts, capital formation and development matters, in addition to acquisitions and divestitures in the manufacturing, agribusiness, construction, retail, and real estate sectors.

Commercial Transactions

Mike advises clients on domestic and international sales, distribution, licensing, and other commercial arrangements. He works with banks and other capital sources in arranging and obtaining commercial financing.

Bankruptcy and Insolvency

Mike represents creditor and receiver clients in collection, foreclosure, bankruptcy, and insolvency matters. He has represented banks and other creditors in all types of distress situations, from large Chapter 11 bankruptcy plan negotiation to and pre-bankruptcy workouts and restructurings.

Education

The Ohio State University College of Law, J.D., with honors, 1983

Georgetown University, B.S.B.A, 1980

Bar Admissions

Ohio

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio

Professional Associations

Ohio State Bar Association, Corporate Counsel Section

American Bar Association

Toledo Bar Association

Accomplishments

Who's Who in Toledo Area Law - Toledo Business Journal, Corporate and Commercial Law (2009-2013)

Northwest Ohio Who's Who in Area Law (2009-2010)

Super Lawyers Ohio (2007)

Community Involvement

Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees, 2018-2022

Diabetes Youth Services, Board Member (2011-); Board Chair (2013)

Toledo Area Small Business Association, Board Member (2011)

Who's Who in Toledo Area Law - Corporate and Commercial Law, Toledo Business Journal, 2009 - 2013

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