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Overview

Michael Bamberger has a broad background in constitutional law, intellectual property and media law (both from the counseling/transactional and litigation perspective), corporate and securities law and business law.

Michael is one of the leading First Amendment lawyers in the US. A scholar on limited liability companies and partnerships, he has counseled and written widely on the subject, as well as taught the subject at both Cardozo Law School and the University of California, Berkeley, Law School.

Experience

One of the nation's leading First Amendment lawyers, Michael has appeared before the US Supreme Court, nine federal courts of appeals, the New York Court of Appeals, federal and state trial courts, and the state supreme courts of Arkansas, Georgia, Colorado, Ohio, Virginia and Tennessee.

He has challenged unconstitutional laws and governmental actions restricting the display, distribution and sale of books, periodicals, videos and online materials. His best known case is *Hudnut v. American Booksellers*, in which the federal district court in Indianapolis, the Seventh Circuit and the Supreme Court all struck down the MacKinnon/Dworkin "civil rights" anti-pornography law. An accomplished writer, Michael has published numerous articles on a wide scope of First Amendment issues.

Michael has represented publishers defending actions for defamation, has counseled publishers and other media clients in their review of potentially defamatory and infringing material, and has published in the field. Michael also is general counsel to the Book Industry Study Group.

Insights

- Founding editor, *State Limited Partnership Laws*, 7 volumes, 1987-2005
- Founding editor, *State Limited Liability Companies and Partnerships*, 5 volumes, 1995-2004

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Member, eight-member Joint Editorial Board on Uniform Unincorporated Organization Acts of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
- Adjunct professor of Law, Cardozo Law School (2001 – 2010)
- Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (2006 – 2012)

Areas of focus

Practices

- Appellate Advocacy
- Corporate
- Intellectual Property and Technology

Industry sectors

- Media and Entertainment

Education

- Harvard Law School, 1960, LLB, *magna cum laude*, editor, *Harvard Law Review*
- Harvard College, 1957, AB, *magna cum laude*

Admissions and qualifications

- District of Columbia
- New York
- US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- US District Court for the District of Colorado

- US District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- US District Court for the Southern District of New York
- US Supreme Court