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Michael Joyce assists clients with litigation, including a wide variety of commercial disputes and insurance matters. His commercial litigation experience includes high-stakes contractual disputes, intellectual property and software cases, trade secret misappropriation and other injunction matters, and construction cases. Michael's insurance litigation work includes defending fiduciaries against claims asserted under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). His ERISA experience also encompasses the defense of a global health insurance and health service company against ERISA benefit claims.

Michael also represents media industry clients, including news media agencies and television producers, on matters ranging from defamation to privacy issues to government open records/Right to Know Law disputes.

### SERVICES

Litigation  
Commercial Litigation  
Insurance Litigation and Arbitration  
Employee Benefits and ERISA Litigation  
First Amendment Media  
Restrictive Covenants Trade Secrets and Unfair Competition  
Appellate

### INDUSTRIES

Insurance  
Energy  
Telecommunications

### EXPERIENCE

#### Dispositive Litigation and ERISA Litigation

#### MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Michael is a member of the following organizations: American Bar Association, Pittsburgh Leadership Pittsburgh, EDI XXII

President, Board of Directors, Regional Intellectual Property Association, Pittsburgh, CIO Ambassador

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#### EDUCATION

J.D., *summa cum laude*, Duquesne University School of Law, 2011

- Michael has also litigated several restrictive covenant and trade secret cases through injunctive and discovery processes.
- Distinguished Student Award, 2011

- CALI Excellence for the Future Award - Torts, Property, Contracts, Federal Taxation, Estates & Trusts, Family Law, Internet Law, and Securities Regulation

B.S.B.A., *summa cum laude*, Duquesne University, 2009

## BAR ADMISSION

Pennsylvania

West Virginia