

Michael J. Shane

Shareholder



Michael's practice focuses on litigation and mediation. He advises on issues concerning complex civil litigation, construction litigation, debt collection, landlord/tenant litigation, contract disputes, real estate litigation and mechanic's lien/construction bond claims.

Michael is a mediator in a variety of cases in both Texas and New Mexico. Besides being qualified to handle civil mediations, he is also qualified to mediate lawsuits affecting the parent/child relationship and other family disputes.

In 2002, Michael became a partner at the Firm. He received his B.A. and M.S. from Pittsburg State University of Kansas and J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law. He has practiced law in Texas since 1996 and in New Mexico since 2013. Michael handles cases in local, state and federal courts.

Michael has shared his legal expertise at multiple seminars and conventions throughout the country and serves the community as a volunteer attorney for the Children's Justice Center of El Paso. Additionally, he represents children and parents in cases involving the Texas Department of Family Protective Services.

Michael began his legal career at Mounce, Green, Meyers, Safi & Galatzan. As an associate attorney, he was a part of the litigation section, focusing on insurance defense litigation. This experience gave him immediate access to clients, depositions and courts, including being lead counsel in bench and jury trials. Michael has established a reputation as a knowledgeable and professional attorney. Fellow attorneys in the legal community have hired him to assist with various legal issues including post-judgment collection and mediation.

After graduating from college, Michael served in the U.S. Army as a Military Intelligence Officer. Over his military career, Michael was responsible for hundreds of soldiers and millions of dollars' worth of equipment. In this role, he developed critical thinking and leadership skills that have influenced how he handles clients' complex legal situations

Professional Affiliations and Accomplishments

- State Bar of Texas
- State Bar of New Mexico
- College of the State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- El Paso Bar Association
- Texas Mediation Credentialing Association
- American Bar Association - Dispute Resolution Section
- Association of Attorney Mediators
- New Mexico Association of Mediators
- Texas Association of Mediators
- Texas Bar Association - Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- Volunteer, Hearts for Autism
- Legal Representative, Camp New Amigos
- America's Most Honored Professionals Top 5% American Registry LLC 2016, 2017

Publications

- "Residential and Commercial Evictions in Texas"
- "New Discovery Rules"
- "Fact, Documents and Trial Strategy Using Digital Technology"
- "Mechanic's Liens and Bond Claims in Texas, New Mexico and Federal Construction Projects"
- Discovery in Texas Department of Family Protective Services Case

Admissions & Qualifications

Texas, 1996

New Mexico, 2013

Supreme Court of the United States

Licensed to practice in all courts in the State of Texas

Licensed to practice in all courts in the State of New Mexico

U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 1996

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas, 1996

U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico, 2013

Education

University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1995

Pittsburg State University of Kansas, M.S., 1986

Pittsburg State University of Kansas, B.A., 1984