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Michael Kelley has more than 25 years of experience assisting U.S. and international companies and funds with all of their investment needs. He represents both inbound and outbound investors on the structuring, documentation, issuance, and management of investment funds, including providing counsel on regulatory compliance and best practices. He is experienced across a broad range of asset classes, including private equity, venture capital, and blockchain.

Michael is the former general counsel of EMP Global, where he oversaw approximately \$8 billion in assets across 10 different investment funds in emerging markets. He has served on investment committees and advisory boards for funds, as well as boards of directors for project companies, in Latin America, the United States, Canada, Asia, and the Middle East.

He has supplemented his investment funds work as a transaction attorney and thought leader in the realm of litigation finance. He advises on the structuring and documentation of litigation finance transactions between and among funders, claimants, and law firms. He is also a frequent speaker at litigation finance conferences.

Michael also has significant experience with social impact investment funds, including creating innovative structures for blending for-profit and nonprofit capital. He also provides general corporate counsel, and he has served as an arbitrator and mediator in complex financial and trade disputes at the American Arbitration Association and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution.

Outside of his legal practice, Michael volunteers with a number of social impact investment incubators in Washington, D.C., and is an avid sailor and distance swimmer.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Due Diligence on Litigation Funders: The Funded Party and Investor Perspective," The Litigation Funding Forum, March 2020
- "Tough Questions in Litigation Finance," LF Dealmakers Forum, September 2019



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PRACTICE AREAS

- Investment Funds
- Securities
- Private Equity
- Mergers, Acquisitions & Joint Ventures
- Venture Capital & Emerging Companies
- Real Estate & Commercial Development
- Fintech
- Public Companies



EDUCATION

- George Mason University
JD, with honors, 1991
- London School of Economics and Political Science
PhD, 1985
- University of Notre Dame
BA, 1982



ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
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- "Litigation Finance and Bankruptcy Scenarios," 14th Annual NYIC/AIRA Joint Bankruptcy & Restructuring Event, January 2019
- "Litigation Financing & Investment Forum," Insight Exchange Network, October 2018
- "Financing, Structuring & Investing in Litigation Finance," Information Management Network Conference, May 2018
- "Working With Legal Finance to Unlock the Value of IP Assets," American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Annual Conference, October 2017
- "The Role of Lawyers in Financing Social Innovation," Lex Mundi North America Regional Conference, November 2016
- "Negotiating With Your Asian Counterparty & Finding the Right Dispute Resolution Option," Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), June 2014
- "A Focus on Energy: Doing Business in the Latin America Energy Sector," U.S. Latin America Legal Summit, October 2013
- "Changing Dynamics and Expectations Among General Partners, Limited Partners, and Sponsors of Private Equity Funds in the Emerging Markets," IFC/EMPEA 14th Annual Global Private Equity Conference, May 2012

HONORS

- *Lawdragon Global 100 Leaders in Legal Finance, 2020*

MEMBERSHIPS

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2002-present
- Love.Fútbol Philanthropy, Sponsor, 2016-present
- St. Albans School, Chair of Lower School Annual Giving, 2013-2016