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Areas of Expertise

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Michael is a corporate commercial lawyer with a focus on the health industry. Michael is Chair of Osler’s Health Industry Group and Co-Chair of the Cannabis Group.

Michael is routinely called upon to provide highly complex and strategic advice to Osler’s health industry clients, including public hospitals, government entities, pharmacies, executive health clinics, private clinics and surgical centres, large pharmaceutical companies and various other clients providing health services and health products in Canada. Michael often advises clients on matters relating to emerging trends for the delivery of health services and challenging “mission critical” mandates, requiring a deep understanding of the Canadian health industry and out of the box thinking to help clients accomplish their goals.

He advises clients in respect of a wide spectrum of matters, including purchase and sale transactions, healthcare corporate restructuring and integrations, corporate governance, shareholder agreements, commercial agreements, digital health regulatory opinions and structuring solutions, privacy and data security, clinical trials, public and private healthcare industry regulatory compliance and business structuring advice.

Michael also has extensive experience in providing complex regulatory opinions that ensure statutory compliance with federal and provincial health and cannabis statutes.

Michael was the first lawyer recognized by Chambers Canada: Canada’s Leading Lawyers for Business as Band 1 in Healthcare: Corporate/Commercial & Regulatory and is also recognized by Best Lawyers (Healthcare and Cannabis).

Awards and Recognition

- **Chambers Canada: Canada’s Leading Lawyers for Business:** Band 1 in Healthcare: Corporate/Commercial & Regulatory
 - **Best Lawyers in Canada:** Recognized in Healthcare Law; Cannabis Law
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Credentials

Education

- Rotman School of Management, ICD.D.
 - Harvard University, ADR
 - University of British Columbia, Juris Doctor
 - Bishops University, B.B.A.
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Languages

- English
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Professional Affiliations

- Canadian Bar Association
- Ontario Bar Association