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Michael is a partner in our Boston office.

Michael provides practical, strategic advice to high-growth technology companies and leading venture capital funds. His practice includes representing entrepreneurs as they form and structure new businesses, counseling companies through multiple rounds of equity and debt financing, providing guidance on intellectual property matters and executing complex M&A, tender offer and secondary liquidity transactions. He has significant experience with a variety of M&A transaction structures and frequently advises clients in sell-side transactions to strategic buyers, including Amazon, Google, Twitter, Salesforce, Fitbit and others. Michael also advises clients on a broad range of corporate matters including board governance, administration of equity incentive plans, executive compensation and employment matters.

Michael combines his high-growth company practice with a robust investor-side practice, where he counsels venture capital, growth and private equity investors on foreign and domestic investment transactions, limited partnership and general partner formation matters, capital raising and fund operations. He has broad international experience and has executed investment transactions in Canada, Israel, United Kingdom, Australia, Hong Kong, India, Netherlands, Germany, Austria, France, Finland, Lithuania, Russia and a variety of offshore jurisdictions.

Michael's pro-bono work includes office hours at the Harvard i-lab and advising the Law and Entrepreneurship Project at Harvard Law School. He is also an active mentor at Year Up, an organization that seeks to empower urban young adults through professional careers and higher education.

Michael is a graduate of Middlebury College and Boston University School of Law where he was an editor of the Law Review.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Boston University School of Law, J.D.
 Boston University Law Review
- Middlebury College, B.A., American Civilization with honors

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts
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